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## Work in Ghana comes home



Photo courtesy of Tasha Carlisle

Grayling resident Tasha Carlisle recently spent a year in Ghana getting to know the culture and working with children. She discovered there is only one book for every five children in the country and is now asking Crawford County residents to help send the gift of literacy and the love of reading to those children. For more, see Page 9A.

## District deals with second bomb threat in a month

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

For the second time in a month, Crawford AuSable School District administrators were faced with a bomb threat. The latest occurred at Grayling Middle School (GMS) on January 12.

School was dismissed at GMS on Monday at 11:15 a.m. following the discovery of a written threat in a girls' restroom. The last threat was made at Grayling High School on December 18, 2003. A freshman girl confessed to and apologized for the incident, but was expelled.

Superintendent Milli Haug said a Michigan State Trooper

from the Gaylord Post was brought in with a dog trained to sniff out or detect explosives and, after a thorough search of the building, nothing was found. The school was locked down for the night.

On Tuesday morning, January 13, teams of teachers searched the backpacks and coats of each student to assure nothing dangerous was being brought into the school. Students then gathered in the gym for an assembly led by Principal Jeff Branch.

Branch spoke to the students about the disruptiveness of making such a threat, from raising fears in their fellow students to keeping them from their studies.

He also reminded them the school has only one and one-half snow days left before the district would have to add days at the end of the school year.

Haug said she spoke to the students about the seriousness of the crime of making a bomb threat. She explained that the law says the school board must permanently expel a student for such actions. Following an entire year, the student may then file an appeal for re-enrollment in the district.

The superintendent said she wanted to emphasize to the students that expulsion means they can not attend any school function, can't receive an education

through the district and can't do so much as attend a football game or skate on the district's pond.

D.A.R.E. and School Liaison Officer Deputy Randy Herman reassured the students that the building is safe and explained what police action was taken after the threat was discovered. He also explained the lengthy juvenile court process for students who commit the felony. Also in attendance were Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Undersheriff Shawn Krays, and School Liaison Officer Deputy Bill Bonkowski.

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## Second man charged with 2001 Piehl murder

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Following a long term investigation, a second local man is facing open murder charges in the 2001 death of Shane Piehl.

In May 2002, a jury found a Beaver Creek Township resident not guilty of the murder, that Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss called "a drug deal gone wrong."

In the 2002 trial, testimony was given by a number of witnesses, including Piehl's girlfriend, of how Piehl sold or traded a variety of his prescription painkillers on the street, including Oxycontin. He was being treated for pain of a back injury he sustained in a snowboarding accident.

Piehl was found shot twice in the head and lying next to his car on May 30, 2001 on a two-track north of Four Mile Road in Grayling Township.

Testimony at the 2002 trial revealed phone calls to and from

Piehl on May 29, 2001 may have led to a drug deal that ended his life. Although he had just had a prescription filled, those pill bottles were found empty in his car.

An autopsy by medical examiners in Grand Rapids determined Piehl, then 21 years old, died May 29, the day before his body was discovered by family members.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said a collaborative effort between his department and the Michigan State Police has secured what they believe is enough evidence to convict 42-year old Michael Patrick Bergan, of Grayling, for the murder of Piehl.

"I am relieved, just relieved," said Shane's mother, Kathy. "I have been so concerned for my husband and my daughter. They have really had a hard time with all of this. All we have ever asked for is justice."

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## Library Board to find new director

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A motion to review the expiring contract of its director died without support at the January 8 meeting of the Crawford County Library Board.

Library Board President Ray Priebe, Jr. said the motion was offered to the board by Personnel Chair Judy Morford. A supportive motion by remaining board members Loretta Hassan, Barbara Greene and Carol Raybuck was not offered.

Morford resigned from the board following the meeting and wrote a letter to the Library Board and the Crawford County Board of Commissioners thanking them for the opportunity to serve the county as a member of the

Library Board.

The contract between the Library Board and Edward Elsner is complete as of January 13 and a search for a new director has begun. Priebe said a transitional team will use many resources to find the right candidate with the necessary credentials to direct library services for Crawford County residents.

Elsner said the lack of review and non-renewal of his contract came as a bit of a surprise to him, but said he is "doing fine," although he said he is still somewhat "confused and disoriented after Thursday's Library Board meeting." He said he will spend time finishing the book he is writing about how to run a public library and already has some new job prospects.

## Grayling Township appoints two new trustees to fill vacancies until November election



Photos courtesy of Grayling Township

Retired Michigan National Guard officer, Dale French (left) was sworn in as a Grayling Township Trustee by Clerk Monica Ashton in a ceremony held January 7 at the township hall.

After interviewing 12 candidates, a team of four interviewers selected Dale French and Lacey Stephan III to fill two vacancies on the Grayling Township Board of Trustees.

"We had excellent candidates to choose from," said Monica Ashton, Grayling Township Clerk and chair of the interview team. "It was a really difficult decision because they all gave great interviews and any one of them would have made a good trustee."

French, a retired Michigan National Guard officer, has served on the township's planning commission for many years and was instrumental in the development of the township master plan and, more recently, the new zoning ordinance.

Stephan, a lifelong township resident, owns a local construction company, but is new to township government service.

Ashton said Stephan's enthusiasm and French's prior township service made them the unanimous choices of the entire interviewing team. She said both are willing to stand for re-election in the general election November 2.

The two board openings were the result of resignations by former trustees Tom Hall and Cynthia Timmons. Hall's job requirements necessitated his resignation and Timmons cited a conflict of interest with her state-appointed position on the Crawford County Family Independence Agency Board.

Stephan and French were sworn in at a special meeting held January 7 at the Grayling Township Hall. In other board action, Douglas Slater was appointed to the Grayling Recreation Authority Board of Directors.



Lacey Stephan III, a local construction company owner and lifelong township resident, was sworn in as a new trustee by Grayling Township Clerk Monica Ashton (right) on January 7.

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AND THE LIST IS GROWING...

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## County must pay legal fees, court adds 2004 budget to suit

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Although assigned circuit court Judge Dennis C. Kolenda has rendered a decision in the combined cases concerning the funding dispute between the 46th Circuit Trial Court and two of its funding units, the case is nowhere near a conclusion.

The case originated when the Trial Court filed a lawsuit against Crawford County in early 2002 for failing to honor a contract agreement to fund a retirement and healthcare plan for court employees. Crawford, along with Kalkaska and Otsego counties, appropriates funds for the administration of the Unified Trial Court, established by the Michigan Supreme Court as a pilot program to decrease court costs and streamline its processes.

In August 2001, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution it believed was an agreement to pay benefits in the 2001-2002 fiscal year, but asking that future funding of the benefits be revisited in 2002-2003. The Trial Court believed passage of that resolution, along with those passed by Kalkaska and Otsego counties, constituted a contractual agreement for future funding of retirement benefits.

The dispute began when Crawford officials argued their resolution was not a contract agreement and that benefits proposed by the court would eventually create millions of dollars in unfunded liabilities to the county and its taxpayers. Court administrators disagreed with that theory. Kalkaska County Commissioners soon joined Crawford County in its battle with the court.

Otsego County, tasked with the bookkeeping for the court, went forward and paid the benefits and funding Crawford and Kalkaska counties did not pay in order to keep the court funded. Crawford and Kalkaska counties agreed Otsego overstepped its bounds by paying funds the two counties had not approved, causing Otsego County to become unwilling third-party defendants as well as counter-plaintiffs when it filed its own suit to recoup its losses from the two counties. By paying the funds, Crawford and Kalkaska claimed Otsego had exceeded its authority in authorizing the retiree healthcare fund and pension upgrade.

The case went to trial before Kolenda, a visiting judge from Kent County, on July 1, 2003 in

Crawford County. The trial lasted six days. Kolenda rendered his decision July 25, 2003 that the resolutions did indeed constitute a contract and found Crawford and Kalkaska counties failed to fund the Trial Court at a level reasonable for its operations. He ordered the two counties to pay their arrearages in court funding for 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Kolenda stated that even if the counties have to cut all non-mandated services, such as 4-H, building and zoning, and road patrols, the Trial Court had to be funded to its satisfaction. Crawford County Commissioners have held their ground on the funding issue, that the court must tighten its belt like county departments have had to do as costs rise and revenues fall or flatten. Court administrators have argued that they have increased revenues to the county that more than cover any increase in the court's budgets.

Counties must abide by the rule of separate but equal powers as governmental units, Kolenda indicated in his ruling. Therefore, they cannot hold the court's budget to levels it believes will not cover the court's needed funding. But, even though the court and the county are considered separate but equal powers, Kolenda provided no direction to the court regarding the effect its budget may have when the county is facing shortfalls in revenue, nor its effect on the taxpayers. He did state, however, that upon review of court expenditures, he found them to be reasonable, including its recently requested funding of a 1.5 percent pay raise for court employees.

In his decision of January 7, Kolenda ordered the law firm of Cohl, Stoker, Toskey, and McGlinchey, PC, representing Crawford and Kalkaska Counties, to pay Otsego County over \$91,000 as a sanction for filing a lawsuit against Otsego County claiming it had exceeded its authority when it implemented the retiree healthcare fund and the pension upgrade. Kolenda ruled the suit was "unclear whether it relied upon the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (UBAA) or simply cited it as one basis." If it had relied on the UBAA, then those alleged violations should have been reported to the attorney general and not brought to court. Kolenda said research should have been performed by the law firm before filing this

case, therefore he holds it accountable for the cost of Otsego's legal fees, and not Crawford and Kalkaska.

The judge denied, however, Otsego's request to be reimbursed for legal fees incurred while its legal counsel monitored the proceedings of Trial Court v. Crawford and Kalkaska Counties.

Kolenda also ordered Crawford, Kalkaska and its legal representatives together to pay Otsego County over \$31,000 as sanctions in a related case and relieved Otsego County of paying any of the Trial Court's legal fees because it was paying its share all along, regardless of the litigation. The judge ruled that the Trial Court had a right to legal representation at the expense of Crawford and Kalkaska, and ordered them to pay Otsego County over \$110,000 in reimbursements for fees paid thus far.

Last, Kolenda is allowing the Trial Court to amend its complaint to add the dispute over its 2003-2004 budget, stating that "allowing a pending case to deal with any subsequent disputes is far more efficient... Hence, this Court will 'finally conclude' the funding dispute before it by adding and dealing with the 2004 budget."

He also wrote, "submitting the 2004 budget to the SCAO (Supreme Court Administrative Office) and mediation would be a fruitless endeavor. It is transparent from recent history that Crawford and Kalkaska Counties will not agree to anything which is not complete acquiescence in their position."

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties have voiced their concern of losing their rights to appeal giving the length of time awaiting the final judgment from Kolenda due to his decision to allow the 2004 budget dispute to be added to the suit.

"They can, right now, file an application for leave to appeal..." Kolenda wrote. "Crawford and Kalkaska Counties' appellate rights will not be adversely materially affected by requiring the former (filing a leave to appeal), no matter how long entry of final judgment is delayed. Those counties could have filed an application last August, and their application would have been granted. Therefore, they are arguing that their own dawdling or tactical decision, whichever it was, should be considered prejudicial. That is unacceptable bootstrapping."

## Beaver Creek now taking reservations for pavilion

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

At its January regular meeting, the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees decided reservations may now be taken for use of its large pavilion in the township park.

Several requests to make reservations have been received since its construction, but until now it has always been "first come, first served."

As a result of the Board's action, residents and

non-residents may now reserve the large pavilion for \$50. The reservation will hold the pavilion from 8 a.m. to nighttime.

No definite hours were given for the end of the reservation period.

The township will place signs in the windows of the large pavilion indicating that it is reserved for the day.

Use of the small pavilion remains on a first come, first served basis.

## Crawford Station Early Bird Specials

Sunday - Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sizzler Steak: A 7 oz juicy Sirloin steak broiled to your specification.	\$9.99
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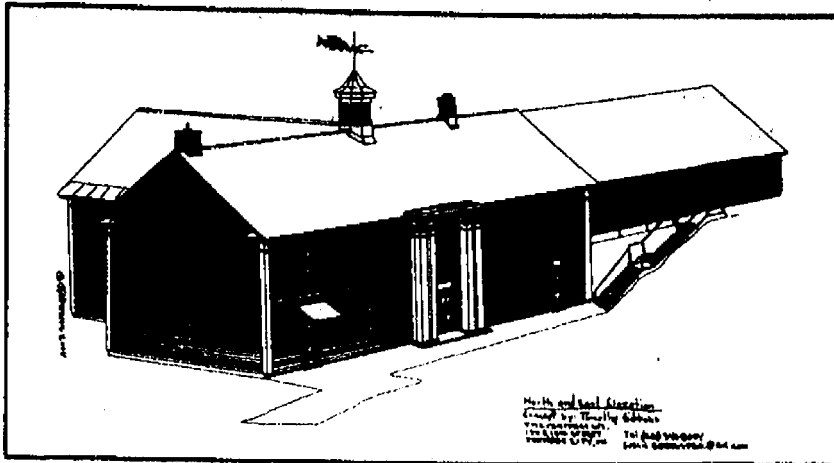
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## Fish Hatchery plans



Two of the conceptual drawings by Tim Gibbons of TMG, Inc, Traverse City for the renovated Grayling Fish Hatchery are shown here. Gibbons has assembled a package consisting of several drawings which will be used as part of any future grant application.



## Controller to assist COA during leadership transition

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

In addition to his regular duties, Crawford County Controller Paul Compo will be helping the Commission on Aging (COA) over the next few months in its search for a new executive director, following the November 2003 resignation of former Director Nova Anderson. Compo will also assist the COA with general operating issues.

Compo and the COA agreed to a 120-day contract on January 12, with an option for renewal if more of his time is needed. For his services, Compo will be paid \$30 per hour capped at a limit of \$3,000 per month. The limit can be exceeded only with the permission of COA Board Chairman Jack Mahank or his designee.

Compo will be reimbursed for any expenditure he makes in

relation to his consultation with the COA and 29.5 cents per mile for COA business conducted outside Crawford County. By contract, he must also provide the COA with a detailed invoice approximately every two weeks to Mahank or his designee.

Compo agrees to consult and advise the COA in all phases of hiring a new director. For a short period of time thereafter, he will consult with and advise the new director on general operations.

Board member Howard Taylor has developed a job description for the executive director position.

Compo will meet with the COA Board at the Senior Center on Monday, January 19 at 9 a.m. to discuss the job description.

Board members said they hope to finalize the job description at that meeting so they can begin the search for a new director.

## Second man charged with 2001 Piehl murder

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An arrest warrant was issued on January 7. Bergan was served the warrant at the Thumb Correctional Facility where he is currently serving a sentence for stealing more than \$100,000 from a local towing firm in 2001.

In that case, Bergan was apprehended in Ohio just days after the theft where he and a friend were involved in a motorcycle accident.

Police officials in the area took him into custody at the hospital where he was being treated after a routine check of his license revealed a warrant for his arrest had been issued the same day in

Michigan.

Bergan was brought from prison to Crawford County where he was arraigned January 13 on the new open murder charge in District Court before Judge John G. Hunter.

A preliminary examination is scheduled for January 27, however Huss said he expects Bergan to waive his right to have the hearing within 14 days to allow his court-appointed attorney more time to prepare for the show cause hearing.

The law firm of Carey and Jaskowski PLLC has been assigned by Hunter to serve as Bergan's legal representative.

## District deals with second bomb threat in a month

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Haug said the mood in the gym was somber and the students were very well behaved during the assembly. Afterwards, students were dismissed to their classes.

"I am really proud of the middle school students," Haug said. "They were really thinking about what was being said. I really hope the message got through."

No one has been named a suspect in this latest incident. Haug said she hopes the culprit comes forward or is discovered soon, however, the business of education continues to go forward in the District.

### Correction

In the December 18, 2003 issue of the *Crawford County Avalanche* a second error was discovered in the article regarding a proposed road ends ordinance in Grayling Township.

The article misstated, in its letter to the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, the township's insurance carrier "also recommended that the ordinance not be adopted."

The only statement of recommendation the insurance carrier made in its letters was: "If the Township should decide to address road ends and/or the limiting of activities at the road ends, the Township should contact their (sic) attorney for advice on how to best approach this concern."

The *Avalanche* regrets the error and any confusion this may have caused.

## Officials point to pneumonia as cause of Mayhew deaths

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Health and law enforcement officials believe they have discovered the cause of two deaths earlier this month in Roscommon County.

The Michigan State Police have ruled out any foul play in the deaths of Gerald Mayhew, age 64, and his daughter, Christina, age 35, of AuSable Township. Preliminary tests show the pair most likely died from complications due to bacterial pneumonia.

Both family members were reported to have been suffering from some other pre-existing health conditions which may have compromised their immune systems and their ability to fight off the disease.

Gerald's wife, Carol, has been treated for flu-like symptoms since being taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling by ambulance on December 31. On January 2, two more ambulances were dispatched to the family's home, finding one person had passed away and another died later that day.

The home was placed under a quarantine by health officials while an investigating began into the cause of the deaths and to avoid any possible contamination of more people.

The state police and health officials continue to wait for the results of toxicology tests but said they believe there is enough evidence available at this time to prove bacterial pneumonia was the cause of the Mayhew deaths and that the situation never posed a danger to the community.

Two adolescent family members also lived in the AuSable Township home and have not fallen ill.

It may be several weeks before

### Facts about bacterial pneumonia:

According to the Centers for Disease Control, nosocomial bacterial pneumonia has been difficult to diagnose.

Frequently, the criteria for diagnosis have been fever, cough, and development of sputum containing pus, along with x-ray evidence of the lung infection.

Many people who come down with this type of pneumonia have been respiratory ventilator patients or those who have recently undergone abdominal surgery. Bacterial pneumonia may become a post-operative issue and must be treated aggressively.

This type of pneumonia has been associated with high fatality rates. People receiving mechanically assisted ventilation have higher mortality rates than people who are not. However, other factors, such as a person's underlying disease(s) — such as chronic lung disease — and organ failure, are stronger predictors of death in those with pneumonia.

An estimated \$1.2 billion annually in excess hospital stays in the U.S. can be attributed to pneumonia.

Because of its reported frequency, associated high fatality rate, and attendant costs, nosocomial bacterial pneumonia is a major infection control problem for hospitals and extended care facilities around the world.

complete toxicology results are received.

## Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

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Hosted by: The Ole Barn • Corner of M-93 & M-72 West

5:30-7:30 P.M.

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## by Richard Milliman

# Personal style of journalism fading

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## Owning a pet comes with responsibilities

## Traffic cop's radar in question

**Carol Gendelman**  
**Walled Lake**

**We must help  
each other  
using hope**

**Edward Elsnor  
Grayling**

## VIEWPOINT

## Shelter's return rate for dogs hits 98%, cats only 42%

While trying to find a way to

I don't want the cats in this community to have another year like this one. Only you can change the numbers. Euthanasia should never be considered an acceptable form of population control. History shows that it just doesn't work anyways.

## **Letters to the Editor**

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

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# BRIEFS

## OMH to host Red Cross blood drive

Many accidents occur in Michigan's winter months due to icy road conditions. Blood will be in high demand because of the number of life-threatening accidents that occur during this time. Gaylord and surrounding communities can help fulfill the need for blood by participating in an American Red Cross blood drive at Otsego Memorial Hospital from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, January 29. Call (989) 731-2216 to make an appointment to donate. The American Red Cross needs 3,800 people in Michigan to donate blood each week to maintain the proper supply of blood at the state's 75 hospitals. A person injured in a car crash can require between four and 40 pints of blood.

## Genealogy meeting scheduled

A genealogy meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at the Frederic Community Library, on Old US-27 in Frederic. The topic of conversation will be "How to Get Organized." Frederic Community Library hours are Monday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 348-4067.

## 4-H kids' horse club meets Jan. 17

Crawford County's "horseless" 4-H club now has a name - Creative Kids Horsin' Around. Meetings this year will be held on the third Saturday of each month at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, from noon to 2 p.m., beginning January 17. All current members and anyone interested in joining are invited to attend. For more information, call Char at 348-1145 or Sharon at 348-5143.

## Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branch offices of the Michigan Secretary of State, including the Grayling office, will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Motorists whose driver license or license plates expire over the holiday should renew early. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

## Mensa to hold admissions testing

Northern Michigan Mensa, the "High IQ Society," will hold admissions tests on Saturday, January 31 at 9:30 a.m., in Room 202 of Scholars Hall (former Science Building near the library) at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Cost is \$30. Pre-register by calling (231) 275-6735.

## Snowshoeing event scheduled this weekend

► Winter Trails 2004 to be held in Roscommon on January 17

Looking for a way to have fun in the snow? Well, you can take a walk - on snowshoes. Snowshoe Center in Roscommon is hosting Winter Trails® 2004 - a free day of snowshoeing for the entire family - on Saturday, January 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Snowshoe Center will have a variety of activities for all abilities. In addition to free snowshoe demos, there will be guided snowshoe hikes throughout the day that will allow participants to view the scenic landscape of the CCC Museum. The designated snowshoe trail takes participants around the CCC Museum.

Winter Trails®, a one-day event, is geared toward summer hikers, families, fitness walkers, school groups, and youth organizations that are interested in learning more about the sport of snowshoeing. New snowshoes, as well as clothing, will be available for use to people participating in Winter Trails®.

Food will be available at the event. Note: This is an outdoor event, there are no indoor facilities. Dress appropriately.

"Snowshoeing has always been an excellent alternative for staying fit during the winter. The lack of physical activity has become an increasingly serious issue in the U.S. and Winter Trails® is a tremendous way to educate the public about the health benefits of snowshoeing," event organizers said. "It has

never been so easy to step outside, enjoy the fresh winter air, and get fit at the same time."

Winter Trails® 2004 is modeled after AHS's National Trails Day, a day of local events designed to bring people to hiking trails as the guests of trail clubs and agencies. This year, there will be 11 Winter Trails® events across the country. In 2003, Winter Trails® had over 7,500 participants, a significant increase over 2002 participation.

"Winter Trails® 2004 provides an easy, fun opportunity to try snowshoeing," said Ed Kiniry, president of Tubbs Snowshoe Company. "Some venues are located in close proximity to a major metropolitan area. In addition, all locations have a wide selection of demo equipment and activities for the entire family. It's never been easier to try the sport."

Winter Trails® 2004 participating national sponsors are: Atlas Snowshoe Company, Backpacker Magazine, Mountain Safety Research, Redfeather Design, Tubbs Snowshoes, and WL Gore. Local sponsors of the Winter Trails® to be held in Roscommon are Michigan Snowshoe Center and Quiet Sport Outfitters.

For more information on Winter Trails® 2004, visit: [www.wintertrails.org](http://www.wintertrails.org)

Directions to CCC Museum: From I-75 - Exit 244, go west four miles, CCC parking lot is on right. From US-27 - Exit Military Road (North Higgins Lake) and go east one mile. CCC parking lot is on left.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club Week ending January 11 - winners of \$25 each: Mike McEvers, Roger Palmer, Keith Walters, Brenda Grandmaison. Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Week #12 winner of \$100: Marjorie Kelly of Fife Lake.

## New Great Start Playgroup now forming in Grayling

A new playgroup for Crawford County families with children birth to age five is starting on Friday, February 6 as part of the state-wide Great Start initiative.

Great Start focuses on the needs of children birth to age five. During these early years, a child's brain will grow and develop at a rate faster than any other time in life. Parents are recognized as a child's first and best teachers.

Families with children enrolled in the playgroup will attend a weekly one-hour afternoon session held at AuSable Primary and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling.

Activities will focus on fostering development of children's social, physical, and early learn-

ing skills. Creative learning activities and a snack for the children will be provided.

Anyone interested in enrolling their child or children, should stop by the AuSable Primary School office or Devereaux Library, both located on Plum Street, to pick up a registration form. Class size is limited to 18.

Funding for the playgroup is being provided through the Great Parents, Great Start grant, in cooperation with COOR Intermediate School District, Crawford AuSable School District, Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, NEM-CSA Head Start, District Health Department #10, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health, and Michigan State University Extension.

## Surviving children ask for help with father's funeral expenses

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A memorial fund has been established at Huntington Bank to receive donations toward helping the children of Richard Allen Armbruster pay the expenses of his funeral.

Armbruster was reported missing by family members in October 2003 and was last seen at the Pinehurst Bar in the Indian River area. His family became concerned when he did not arrive for planned a visit with his younger children, two sons ages three and eight years.

More than two months later, on December 30, his body was discovered near his heavily damaged car found off southbound I-75 at the Cedarville exit (359), near the Upper Peninsula town of St. Ignace. Armbruster would have celebrated his 43rd birthday November 6.

Results of an autopsy received on January 7 states Armbruster died of a heart attack on or about October 10. Armbruster's daughter, Lisa Masella, age 21 of Grayling,

said her father had a history of heart disease.

Masella and her 24-year old sister have finally been able to make funeral arrangements, but need help with expenses as their father had no life insurance. "Any help will be greatly appreciated," said Masella. "This has all been very hard for us, but at least we know now what happened to our father."

A funeral service was scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, with arrangements by Lintz Funeral Home in Indian River.

Donations can be made at any Huntington Bank branch. Checks should be made payable to "The Rick Armbruster Memorial Fund." In Grayling, mail donations to: Huntington Bank, Attn: The Rick Armbruster Memorial Fund, 2195 South I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 99 complaints the week of January 4 - 11:

One hazardous situation, 26 traffic accidents, 14 non-traffic accidents, two accident - all other, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, 18 general non-criminal, four delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, one burglary/home invasion, one motor vehicle theft, three damage to property, one family offense/abuse/neglect, 14 public peace/disorderly, two miscellaneous criminal offense, three driving violations/DWLS, etc.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following kinds of complaints during the period of December 28, 2003 through January 11, 2004:

One malicious destruction of property (MDOP), one larceny, one breaking and entering (B&E), four traffic warnings, one assaulting a police officer, one impersonating a police officer, two traffic accidents, one private property accident, one harassment, one check law violation, two alarms, three disturbing the peace, and 21 unclassified.

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**January 17 & 18**  
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Dog sled races at 9 a.m.  
Dog weight pull at 11 a.m. with registration from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
Kiwanis pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Lunch from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- proceeds to benefit the Kalkaska Commission on Aging and the Winterfest.  
Silent auction -- Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Dog sled rides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with proceeds to benefit the Paid City PTA Crafts and vendors and chain saw carving.  
**SATURDAY ONLY!**  
Chili cookoff -- sponsored by Re/Max Harmony. Tasting and judging is between noon and 2 p.m. Proceeds for tasting will benefit the groomer fund!  
Sleigh rides from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sign up at Jack's sport ship for the ice fishing contest  
The Kalkaska Jazz band will be playing Saturday between 11:30 and 12:30 with proceeds to benefit the band.  
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Sally McPherson  
Crossing Guard



# The Bible Speaks

## Global Religious War

We have been warning you for many years that our war against global terrorism is a religious war. Finally, a politician that we may disagree with in some other areas has made a similar statement. Senator Joe Lieberman publicly warned Americans on Fox News in November 2003 about the danger of a Global Religious War. The Associated Press carried the story on November 30, 2003.

Lieberman said on Fox News, "This is a battle to stop al-Qaida, Saddam Hussein and every other enemy of freedom and modernity from turning the beginning of the 21st century into what is truly unbelievable, which would be a global religious war." When Senator Lieberman was asked whether this religious war would be, "Islam versus Christianity and Judaism combined," Lieberman said, "Islam against -- fanatical Islam against Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, every other 'ism,' every other religion, including every part of Islam that doesn't agree with these fanatics."

Lieberman went on to say, "Iraq is the testing ground, and that's why we've got to make sure that victory is assured." Lieberman said, "This is a classic case: if you try to ride the back of this tiger, you're going to get swallowed," he said. Now, "I believe they're getting it, because they've been attacked now, two or three times this year, in a devastating way."

Well, we know Saddam Hussein has since been captured, but he is just one of many international terrorists working to promote global terrorism. Yet, even conservative politicians seem hesitant to publicly admit that radical religion is the root cause of our global war. They insist on calling Islam a religion of peace.

Radical Islam may eventually be replaced by an even more dangerous world religion. Liberals hate all authoritarian religions. Their goal is for a global consensus in religion which consolidates all the world religions into one humanistic faith. They will use Radical Islam as their excuse to silence all exclusive claims to religious authority. The Koran of Islam will be used to illustrate why the Torah of the Jews, and the New Testament of the Christians must be silenced also. So their goal is to replace all Bibles with their own humanistic world version in the name of world peace.

Americans are being programmed to accept this gradual change. All public mention of Jesus Christ and Christian morality is being silenced while minority religions are being defended. One can discredit and mock Jesus Christ in America, but attempts to discredit Allah or Mohammed are being silenced. For example, a federal judge has ruled that a California school district didn't violate the Constitution when it taught seventh-graders about

Islam. These students can memorize the Koran, but cannot be told what Jesus Christ said in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." These students cannot be told the words of Peter said in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Will Americans surrender their freedom to share the gospel of Jesus Christ? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

**Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library**  
Memorial book donations for December 2003:

For Charles Fry from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Long May She Wave, A Graphic History of the American Flag*, and *The Dons and Mr. Dickens*.

For John Cobb from Cornell Agency, Inc. - *Cowboy Code and Stretching*.

For Jean Potter from Sara Bobenmoyer - *Twins*.  
For Roger Hatfield from the Class of 1960 - *Grizzly Almanac and Trout and Salmon of North America*.

For Frank Lancewicz from Ed, Judy and Katy Nolph - *Beyond Glory, Medal of Honor Winners in Their Own Words*.

For Glen F. Terry from Don and Rae Ann Schanz - *Years of Minutes*.

For Jennette Welder: from Mary Brown - *Reflections, McNally's Dare, Remember When, Blow Fly, Warrior Woman*: from Steve and Susan Pickens - *Wedding and Mother Road*: from Brigid Deleo and Beth Hamlin - *Hello Darkness and Private Life of the Cat Who...* (All Large Print Titles).

For Madeline Kucharek from Jerry and Jane Larson, Shirley Johnson, Al and Val Johnson and Eunice Slusser - *Making Memories and Treasury of Classic Stories*.

For Agnes McCredie from Paul and Judi Mesack - *Safe Harbor and Conspiracy Club* on audio.

For Ilene Hatfield: from the Senior Bowling League - *Southern Living 2003 Annual Recipes and Mary Gilliat's Room By Room Decorating Guide*: from Joan Miller - *Odd Thomas and Man in My Basement* (on audio); from Sally and LeRoy Papendick - *Mosque*.

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jack and Aggie Trudgeon from Don and Rae Ann Schanz - *Snowflake, Winter's Secret Beauty*.

Memorial books may be purchased with a minimum donation of \$15. For more information, call the library at (989) 348-9214.

**Frederic Community Library**  
Memorial book donations for December 2003:

For Madeline Kucharek - from Howard and Sally Bunker, the following video tapes were donated: *Batman Beyond, Classic Jonny Quest, Angelina Ballerina, The Amazing Adventures of Mary-Kate and Ashley and the Justice League*.

To reach the Frederic Community Library, call 348-4067.

## OBITUARIES

**Patricia "Gale" Hart**  
May 1, 1936 - Jan. 11, 2004  
Patricia "Gale" Hart, age 67, of Marysville, formerly of Saginaw and Grayling, died Sunday, January 11, 2004 in Mercy Hospital, Port Huron, surrounded by her loving family following a long battle with cancer.

She was born to the late Arthur and Clarissa Demsky on May 1, 1936 in Saginaw. She married William P. Hart on September 16, 1955.

Patricia was co-owner of Bill Hart Ford in Grayling for over 11 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Business Women's Association and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband William; sons William (Vickie) Hart II, Timothy (Janet) Hart, all of Grayling; daughters Jane Hart of Marysville, Dr. & Mrs. John (Ann) Pelachyk of Columbus; grandchildren Eric and Andrew Hart, Timothy Hart II, Christina and Nicholas Pelachyk; brother Clifford Demsky; sisters Donadee Mallak, Jeanette Anderson and Kathy Hummon; and many nieces and nephews.

Patricia was preceded in death by brothers Arthur and Vincent Demsky; sisters Clarissa Demsky, Dorothy Schofield, Marian Napieralla, Joanne and Susie Demsky.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2004 at St. Andrews Catholic Church, 612 North Michigan Avenue in Saginaw.

The Reverend Father George Serour will officiate.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider Blue Water Hospice. To send condolences and messages of sympathy, visit [marysvillefuneralhome.com](http://marysvillefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by: Marysville Funeral Home.

**Isabelle "Bummie" Schwartz**

July 23, 1910 - Jan. 3, 2004  
Isabelle "Bummie" Schwartz, age 93, of Grayling died Saturday, January 3.

"Bummie" was born on July 23, 1910 in Garden, to Frank and Eva La Motte.

She married Ernie Schwartz on December 11, 1954.

They moved to Grayling in 1976, after living in Detroit for many years. She spent many happy hours relaxing and fishing at her home on the AuSable River. Ernie Schwartz was the former owner of Ernie's Flea Market.

Isabelle is survived by her sisters Lillie Clough, Marie "Pete" Akers, Donna "Sammie" Williams, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Eva La Motte, husband Ernie, and her sister Margaret "Boots" Balch.

Funeral services were held on January 7 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Interment will be held in the spring at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

**Lois G. Small**  
Oct. 2, 1926 - Jan. 12, 2004  
Lois G. Small, age 77, of Grayling, died Monday, January 12 at her home.

She was born October 2, 1926 in Grayling, at home, to William and Jesse (Lawhead) Granger.

The former Lois Granger married James Harland Small on December 24, 1947 at Methodist Memorial United Church in Grayling.

Lois had lived in Grayling for most of her life. She was a homemaker. Lois took the journey to Detroit, only to find herself returning to Grayling to her only true love James Small. They moved to Detroit to work and raise a family only to return to Grayling to finish raising their children. Her children gave her three grandchildren and they in turn seven great grandchildren.

She is survived by husband Jim of 56 years; daughters Bonnie (Paul) Smith of Grayling, Jacqueline (Hal) Leas of Grayling; grandchildren Dusty, Jim, Brent; seven great grandchildren; brother Leonard (Betty) Granger of Crossville, Tennessee.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; sister Izetta Wells; and brothers Charles, Marshall "Mac," Ted, and Leon.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, January 16, 2004 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Reverend Jeffrey Jagers will officiate at the service.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

**Bernard G. "Bernie" Pottorff**

April 7, 1938 - Jan. 5, 2004  
Bernard G. "Bernie" Pottorff, age 65, of Sun City, AZ, formerly of Grayling and Wakefield, IL, died Monday, January 5 at Arrowhead Community Hospital, Glendale, AZ.

He was born on April 7, 1938 in Wakefield, IL to I.V. and Evelyn Marie (Schnautz) Pottorff.

Bernard married Donna Sue Elliot on August 2, 1957. Bernard worked for Union Oil for 33 years. He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

He is survived by wife Donna of Sun City, AZ; father I.V. Pottorff, of Olney, IL; daughters Deborah (Gary) McLaughlin, of Phoenix, AZ, Terri D. Stephan, of Phoenix, AZ, brothers Ivan L. Pottorff, of Fairfield, IL, Don Pottorff, of Raytown, MO; grandchildren Leigh Anne Bendig and Brian Bendig and Jacob Andrew Stephan.

Bernard was preceded in death by his mother.

Funeral services were held January 12, 2004 at Summers Kistler Funeral Home in Olney. Reverend Sid Davis Jr. officiated at the service. Burial was at Liberty Cemetery, Wakefield, IL.

Memorials are asked to be sent to Lupus Foundation of America.

Arrangements by: Summers Kistler Funeral Home, Olney, IL.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal.

Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's menu:  
Thursday, January 15 - Hamburger On A Bun/Stuffed Chicken Breast; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Blood Pressures taken with Ann Doty at 11:00 to 12 noon; Uno-Attack at 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, January 16 - Baked Almond Fish/No Dinner;

Lovells Satellite 12 noon; Pantry Binge, Stagette Club 1 p.m.

Sunday, January 18 - Pancake Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday, January 19 - Chicken Kiev/Pork Stew; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Bridge Club 1 p.m.; Hangman 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20 - Pork Roast/veal Cutlets; Bible Study 10 a.m.; Euchre Club 1 p.m.; Movie 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21 - Beef & Vegetable Stew/Swiss Steak; Exercise & Line Dance 10:00 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Aerobics 1 p.m.; Burger King Binge 5:30 p.m.

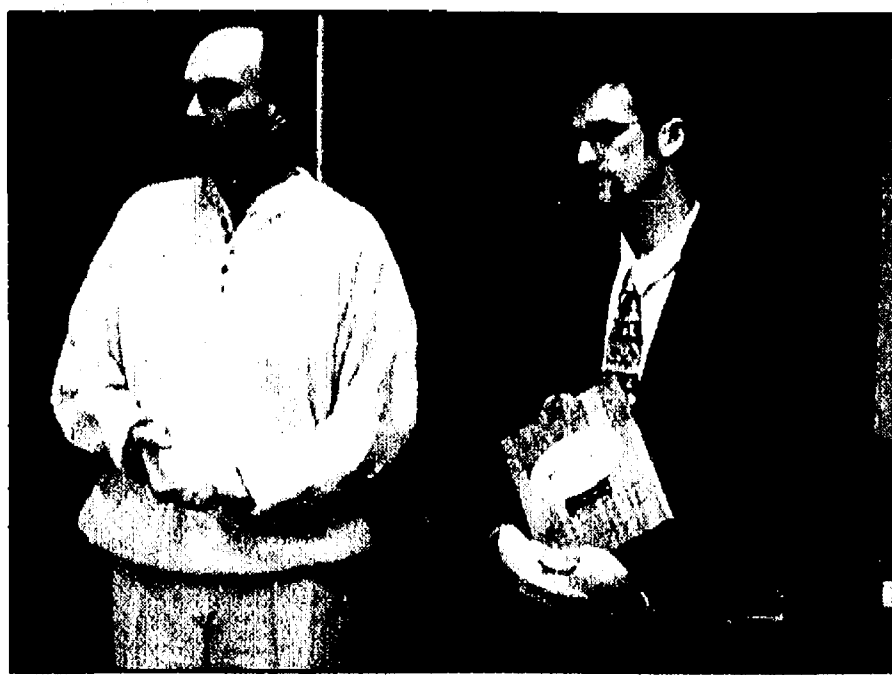
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Brad Jensen of Huron Pines RC&D accepts his award from Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter President Terry Warrington. Huron Pines RC&D has been instrumental in the stormwater project to help prevent trash and pollution from running into the AuSable River.



On behalf of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee, Co-Chair Kevin Garrity (right) accepts the award from Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter for its work to enhance the AuSable River. The award was given by board member Bruce Patrick (left).

## TU recognizes river stewardship

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

At its January 10 annual banquet, the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) issued its annual awards to individuals and groups who have worked in the restoration of the Upper Manistee and AuSable Rivers.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee was given an award for its work on the AuSable River. It was responsible for cleaning up the river with the construction of a stormwater retention pond at the Hatchery. The Committee also made arrangements for stream improvements with the planting

of trees near the river to provide shade and the construction of mechanisms for fish to move upstream over the "dams" on the Hatchery property.

Brad Jensen of Huron Pines RC&D (Roscommon-Crawford Conservation District) was given an award for his work on the stormwater diversion project.

The project is designed to prevent stormwater from running directly into the AuSable River.

Mike Jillings and Jeff Keller of the Kalkaska Conservation District were given awards for their work on the restoration of the Upper Manistee River.

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## Beaver Creek Township reduces zoning violations to civil infractions

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees has accepted the recommendations of its Planning Commission and adopted Zoning Ordinance #26, changing zoning violations from misdemeanors to civil infractions. This action was taken at the Board's January 12 regular meeting.

The Board also adopted ordinance #27, establishing a violations bureau. This allows the

township to direct violations to a clerk within the township for collection of fines and costs. Should a person decide not to pay the clerk, the matter would be referred to the zoning administrator who would then follow up with the problem in court.

Ed Holtcamp, who is chairman of the township Planning Commission, and some board members stressed the point of the ordinance is to resolve a violation, not to penalize people and "suck \$75 (the cost of the

first fine for a violation) out of them."

Many board members said they have noticed a definite improvement in appearance of the township since the zoning laws have gone into effect.

The planning commission will review the Beaver Creek Township master plan this summer. After that work is complete, there may be some changes in zoning. However, Holtcamp said he didn't expect there to be many changes.

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2004 Theme: It's a Grand Ole' Flag

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Ice and Snow Sculptures

Shanty Decorating Contest-Throughout the community

**BADGE DRAWING PRIZES - EACH WEEKEND**

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3rd - \$150

### Schedule of Events

\*(A \$5 badge is required for admission to the T.U.T site, badges are available at area businesses and at the T.U.T site)

<p><b>SATURDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 17, 2004</b></p> <p><b>Free Rosco Mini Bus Rides</b> From the school parking lots to the Tip-Up -town site and back to the school parking lots form 9:00 am until 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Outdoor Writers Registration</b> 9:00am at the Roscommon county Tourism and Convention Bureau.</p> <p><b>Tip-Up Town USA Officially Opens</b> 10:00 AM</p> <p><b>Grand Parade</b> 10:00 am from Thomas Motors traveling East on M-55 to the Tip-Up Town USA Site.</p> <p><b>Bed Races</b> 11:00 am Along Parade Route.</p> <p><b>Flag Raising</b> Follows the Grand Parade</p> <p><b>Fishing Contest</b> Weigh in 10:00 am - 4 at the Houghton Lake Lake Association Booth, Tip-Up Town USA Site*</p> <p><b>Helicopter Rides</b> All day</p>	<p><b>Long Games On Ice</b> Continuous activities for the entire family *</p> <p><b>Free Carnival Rides*</b></p> <p><b>Beverage Tent</b> Open 10:00am - 4:00pm Must Be 21 Years of age to enter, *</p> <p><b>Antique Snowmobile Display</b> 10:00 am to 4:00pm</p> <p><b>Treasure Hunt</b> 11:30am to 4:00pm*</p> <p><b>Poker Run</b> 12:00 noon until 4:00pm register at the Tip-Up Town 4:00pm Site</p> <p><b>Softball On Ice</b> 12:00 noon &amp; 2:30pm</p> <p><b>Horseshoes on Ice</b> 1:00pm until 4:00pm</p> <p><b>Fireworks</b> After dark enjoy a spectacular display from the Tip-Up Town site.</p> <p><b>Teen Dance</b> 7:30pm - 11:30pm at the H.L. Playhouse</p>	<p><b>Rides</b> From the school parking lots to the Tip- Up -town site and back to the school parking lots form 9:00 am until 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Tip-Up Town USA Officially Opens</b> 10:00 AM</p> <p><b>Church Services</b> 11am Tip-Up Town Site</p> <p><b>Fishing Contest</b> Weigh in 10:00 am - 1pm at the Houghton Lake Lake Association Booth, Tip-Up Town USA Site*</p> <p><b>Treasure Hunt</b> 11:30am to 4:00pm*</p> <p><b>Helicopter Rides</b> All day</p> <p><b>Long Games On Ice</b> Continuous activities for the entire family *</p> <p><b>Free Carnival Rides*</b></p> <p><b>Beverage Tent</b> Open 12:00noon - 4:00pm Must Be 21 Years of age to enter, *</p> <p><b>Scavenger Hunt</b> 12:00 noon until 4:00pm Register at the Tip-Up Town Site</p> <p><b>Softball On Ice</b> 12:00 noon &amp; 2:30pm</p>	<p><b>Horseshoes on Ice</b> 1:00pm until 4:00pm</p> <p><b>Beard Contest</b> 1:30pm</p> <p><b>Awards</b> 4:00pm</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 24, 2004</b></p> <p><b>Free Rosco Mini Bus Rides</b> From the school parking lots to the Tip- Up -town site and back to the school parking lots form 9:00 am until 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Outdoor Writers Registration</b> 9:00am at the Roscommon County Tourism and Convention Bureau.</p> <p><b>Tip-Up Town USA Officially Opens</b> 10:00 AM</p> <p><b>Flag Raising</b> 10:00 am</p> <p><b>Treasure Hunt</b> 11:30am to 4:00pm*</p> <p><b>Helicopter Rides</b> All day</p> <p><b>Long Games On Ice</b> Continuous activities for the entire family *</p> <p><b>Free Carnival Rides*</b></p> <p><b>Beverage Tent</b> Open 12:00noon - 4:00pm Must Be 21 Years of age to enter, *</p> <p><b>Scavenger Hunt</b> 12:00 noon until 4:00pm Register at the Tip-Up Town Site</p> <p><b>Softball On Ice</b> 12:00 noon &amp; 2:30pm</p>
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# Dems to caucus February 7, voting can be done on line

## ► Democratic presidential race has nine vying for party's nomination

Democrats will gather in groups throughout Michigan on February 7 for the state's 2004 Democratic Presidential Caucus. Those who can not attend will be able to vote in absentia, either by mail or via the Internet.

Michigan Democrats will have the historic opportunity to play a key role in determining who the Democratic Candidate for President will be this November by voting in the earliest, most



Carol Moseley Braun

accessible caucus in the state's history.

Nine candidates are vying for the Democratic Presidential nomination: Carol Moseley Braun, Wesley Clark, Howard Dean, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Lieberman and Al Sharpton.

The caucuses will be open on Saturday, February 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including in Crawford County at the county building, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Voters can



Wesley Clark

vote anytime during those hours and people in line at 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time will be permitted to vote.

All voters must provide proof of residence and complete a ballot, including a public declaration that they are a Democrat and are or will be a registered voter before the November election.

After the caucuses close at 4 p.m., the votes will be counted and the results reported back to the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) that day where they will



Howard Dean

be added to the vote by mail and Internet vote totals.

To vote by mail or the Internet, voters must be currently registered in Michigan and appearing on the Secretary of State's Qualified Voter File. Those not currently a registered voter in Michigan, must participate in person February 7.

Voters must apply and qualify

from the MDP on its website [www.mi-democrats.com](http://www.mi-democrats.com), as well as by request and from local party organizations, January 1. To obtain an application by mail, send your request to MDP, 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933.



Dick Gephardt

Voters may also phone in a request by calling (517) 371-5410 or by fax at (517) 371-2056.

Internet and by mail ballot applications must be returned to the MDP by 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 31. Those submitted after the deadline will not be granted regardless of their postmark or mailing date.

All vote by mail ballots must be returned to the MDP by 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 7. Ballots received in the mail following the deadline will not be counted regardless of their postmark or mailing date.

Vote by mail ballots will not be accepted at caucus sites or any location other than MDP head-

quarters in Lansing.

Internet voting closes at 4 p.m. on February 7.

Each of the nine candidates have their own campaign websites. To learn more about each candidate, a visit to each site is worthwhile. The candidates are presented here in alphabetical order.

Carol Moseley Braun is a former U.S. Senator from Illinois. Her website can be located by logging on to: [www.carolforpresident.com](http://www.carolforpresident.com).

Wesley Clark is a retired U.S. Army General from Arkansas. Log on to his website at: [clark04.com](http://clark04.com).

Howard Dean is the former Governor of Vermont. His website can be located by logging on to: [www.deanforamerica.com](http://www.deanforamerica.com).

John Edwards is the current U.S. Senator for the state of North Carolina. His website is located at: [www.johnedwards2004.com](http://www.johnedwards2004.com).

Dick Gephardt is a current U.S. Representative for the state of Missouri. His website can be found at: [www.dickgephardt2004.com](http://www.dickgephardt2004.com).

John Kerry is currently serving as a U.S. Senator for the state of



Joe Lieberman

Massachusetts. His website is located at: [www.johnkerry.com](http://www.johnkerry.com).

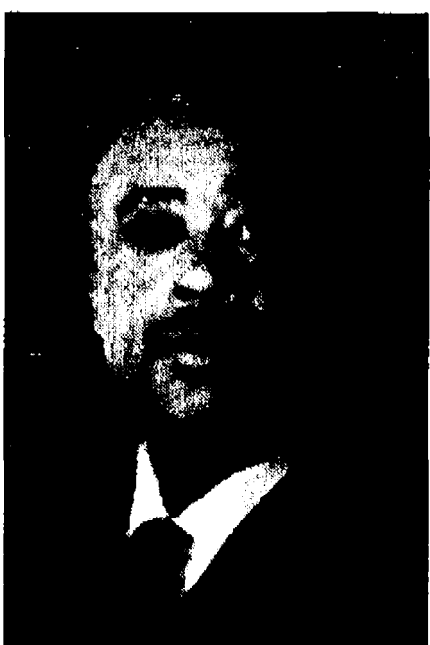
Dennis Kucinich is a current U.S. Representative for the state of Ohio. His website can be found at: [www.kucinich.us](http://www.kucinich.us).

Joe Lieberman is currently serving as a U.S. Senator for the state of Connecticut. His website is located at: [www.joe2004.com](http://www.joe2004.com).

Al Sharpton is a civil rights activist from the state of New York. His website is located at: [www.sharpton2004.org](http://www.sharpton2004.org).



John Kerry



Al Sharpton

A variety of other Democratic Presidential hopefuls have announced their candidacies and most of them can be found at: [www.politics1.com/dems04.htm](http://www.politics1.com/dems04.htm)

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Dennis Kucinich

## KCC finishes 4th among state's 2-year colleges in math contest

Gabe Baker, of Mio, was second among Michigan contestants to lead Kirtland Community College (KCC) to a fourth-place team finish among schools competing in the America Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC).

"The test, held during the fall semester, consisted of 20 questions at the pre-calculus level," said Doug Mace, Kirtland math instructor. "Each question had to be solved using precise and innovative thinking."

Baker finished with a score of 19 out of 20, behind Robert Wiersma, of Grand Rapids Community College, who had 20.

Other members of Kirtland's

team: Pat Gale and Jeremy Land, both of Roscommon; Michael Moon, of Grayling; and Nick Riegle, of St. Helen.

Among Michigan Schools, Grand Rapids finished first with a total of 78.5 points, followed by Oakland Community College with 70 points, Delta College with 54.5 points and Kirtland with 53.5 points.

The purpose of the AMATYC Math League Competition is to foster creativity and pique curiosity in mathematics, as well as to provide friendly competition among two-year colleges in the nation, Mace said.

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The Akyem-Abuakwa region in Ghana found funds to build a library, but had no money to place any new books upon the shelves. The Giving the Gift of Reading - Ghana project should help fill those shelves with more than just worn paperbacks. Children use the library for studying, but would love a selection of age appropriate books to help them increase the literacy rate in their country.

## Work in Ghana comes home

Grayling resident Tasha Carlisle recently spent a year in Africa working with its children and learning the culture. A sad part of that culture is the lack of literacy among the children of Ghana due to a lack of books. Carlisle is now asking the people of Crawford County to help her change that situation.

Carlisle will share her experiences of Africa at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Tuesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. when the Friends of Crawford County Library hosts an after-hours kickoff to gather books for Ghana. The reading of a traditional African children's story will be included in the event.

The Crawford County Library system is dedicated to giving the gift of reading both here and abroad. Because of that, everyone is asked to bring a gift of one or more new or used books (in good condition) to the event, or to the library in Grayling, February 10-14. The books will be sent overseas to the underprivileged in Ghana, Africa.

The project, named "Giving the Gift of Reading - Ghana," was inspired by Carlisle, a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School and the daughter of Nancy Hunt and Daniel Carlisle.

"The struggles of the children of Ghana are devastating. It is amazing what we take for granted," said Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson in response to Carlisle's request to help gather books for the region. Mansfield-Sanderson is the Youth Services Librarian for the library system.

"The people of Ghana need all types of literary works, but the area of greatest need is children's books."

The books will be shipped to Ghana through a nonprofit organization out of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Friends of the Library will assist in the gathering of books as well as adding to the collection themselves.



District Chief Executive James Kwabena Bomfeh of Kintempo, Ghana (left) was the inspiration for Grayling resident, Tasha Carlisle's (right) drive to bring the gift of reading from the U.S. to his town in Africa. A local child joins them for the photo.

"Tasha raised the funds for shipping, so all we need to do is provide the books which we in America have in such great supply," said Director Edward Elsner.

Also, Carlisle has lent the Devereaux Memorial Library items she gathered while in Ghana which are now on display for public viewing.

"I am so happy that the library is helping me. The children of Ghana thirst for knowledge, but have no way of quenching their thirst," said Carlisle. She said she has learned to appreciate what an education truly means, and is giving of herself to help others. To the children of Ghana, she is their very own ambassador of hope.

"It is an honor to be involved and support literacy development throughout the world. It is a greater honor to be supporting a local young woman who has such great passion to aid others in furthering their lives," Elsner

said of Carlisle.

After completion of high school, Carlisle went on to pursue a Bachelors degree in Mathematics through Grand Valley State University. Wanting to broaden her own life experiences and education, Carlisle requested to attend the University of Cape Coast in Cape Coast, Africa.

While there, Carlisle found it difficult to understand how the children of the area were able to survive with such limited educational and financial resources.

"Tasha has always been a woman of determination. Whatever goal she sets her mind to she achieves. I am excited to be working with her in her ambition and passion about literacy. Literacy is one of the greatest ways that an individual is able to achieve total freedom," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

Carlisle spent many hours in the company of the people and wildlife of Africa. Impressed by one such individual, she began her quest.

She learned for every five children in Ghana, there is one book, many of which are from the turn of the century when Europeans came over in the 1800s. The Akyem-Abuakwa region in Ghana found funds to build a library, but had no money to place any books upon the shelves. Her new friend, District Chief Executive James Kwabena Bomfeh of Kintempo, Ghana is now anxiously awaiting Crawford County's gift of books.

Start gathering a gift of books, or donate just one book to the Giving the Gift of Reading - Ghana and visit the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum St. in Grayling, next to AuSable Primary School and down the street from Mercy Hospital. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about the February 10 event, call 348-9214 or visit the library online at [www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/](http://www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/).

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## Kirtland recognizes longtime employees

Service pins were recently issued to longtime employees of Kirtland Community College, with one employee awarded a plaque for 25 years on the job.

Dawn McGillis, of Roscommon, was honored for 25 years of service and is Kirtland's coordinator of instructional services.

Others recognized for long-term service:

• Twenty years - Beth Mogle, of Waters, nursing instructor.

• Fifteen years - Jim Backlund, of Gaylord, instructor of psychology/sociology; Joe Donna, of Alpena, art instructor;

Dale Shantz, of Elberta, director of human resources; Cindy Sikarskie, of Roscommon, business services support specialist; and Geneene Warren, of Roscommon, English tutor.

• Ten years - Lisa Balbach, of Prudenville, instructor of computer information services; Freddie Miracle, of St. Helen, maintenance; Ilene St. Onge, of Roscommon, director of accounting; Jon Thompson, of Lewiston, English instructor; and Gail Westmoreland, of Frederic, administrative assistant at the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord.



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

Dawn McGillis, awarded a plaque by Kirtland Community College for her 25 years of service, is flanked by college president Dr. Charles Rorie (left) and Bob Bovee, a member of the board of trustees.

## New conservation officers take to the woods

by Alteo Weinmann  
Capital News Service

LANSING - Falling through thin ice, dissecting large animals and navigating a way out of the woods. These trials weren't designed for reality TV - it's standard training for the 17 new conservation officers who recently joined the Department of Natural Resources.

Becoming a DNR conservation officer is extremely competitive and requires 10 months of training. The recent graduates spent a lot of that time at the State Police Academy in Lansing.

Conservation officers - or COs - as one of the new class, Rich Stowe called them, do things such as chase down illegal off-road vehicles or snowmobiles on a trail, pick up fallen eagles, track elk poachers or settle tribal fishing disputes.

Stowe, a Leelanau County native, works in Presque Isle County.

"Our DNR conservation officers benefit from some of the most comprehensive training of any law enforcement operation in the country," said K.L. Cool, who is the DNR director. Out of 1,900 applicants, 20 were invited to attend the academy, of whom 17 finished. There are now 146 COs working in all 83 counties.

The training is intense. Days often stretch 12 hours or longer, beginning with physical conditioning. Officers must learn rules about hunting, fishing and public lands, in addition to criminal and traffic laws.

All recruits know what it feels like to fall into a frozen lake before their first day on the job.

"We take them out in the

middle of the winter, drill holes in the ice and cause them to go through," said Sgt. Jane Gordon, who runs the training program.

It's a safe, controlled environment, Gordon insisted - recruits wear insulated dry suits, with the U.S. Coast Guard standing watch.

"We do it so we know how to react and get back out onto the ice," she said. "I would guess that 60 to 70 percent of our officers have gone through the ice at some point in their career."

Without a dry suit, recruits sit in an ice bath - with paramedics monitoring vital signs - to understand how hypothermia affects their bodies.

Christopher Holmes, a new CO working in Washtenaw County, said the training was a lot harder than he expected, even compared to his previous experience as a firefighter in the Army.

While the dry suit kept him warm during the ice rescue, Holmes said the hypothermia ice bath was a different story: "I could barely breathe. They trained us to focus on breathing and how to get your mindset on making it out - it was pretty interesting to find out what your body can take."

COs also learn animal autopsy techniques so they can identify poaching wounds - for example, how to tell if someone tries to use an arrow to disguise an illegal fatal gunshot wound.

Holmes earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology from Western Michigan University before his DNR training.

"It was a lot harder than even college," he said. "When you're in the academy, you're constantly stressing."

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## Doctoring under influence could be illegal soon

by Aileo Weinmann  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Going to the dentist can be expensive, even painful, but it shouldn't be deadly.

A dental visit cost 21-year-old Michele Rose Sak her life, according to her brother, Rep. Michael Sak (D-Grand Rapids).

The dentist overdosed her, he said. "The amount of valium and nitrous oxide was so much that it stopped her heart."

Sak said his sister died because booze or drugs clouded the dentist's judgment. Although his family settled a civil case, no criminal charges could be filed.

"We worked with the prosecutor, but there was no hard evidence that could prove he was intoxicated," he said.

The dentist was able to continue with his practice for months while the state investigated.

The House has voted to change that, passing two bills Sak co-sponsored and that he believes could have saved his sister. If they become law, they would make it a misdemeanor -- carrying maximum penalties of \$1,000 and 90 days in jail -- for any dentist, doctor, nurse or other

licensed health care professional to be drunk or high while treating patients.

That would apply to about 375,000 Michigan health care professionals.

It's already illegal to prescribe a drug, medication or poison while intoxicated. The change would expand the law to prohibit engaging in health care practice with a bodily alcohol content of 0.05 percent, lower than the 0.08 percent for drunken driving, or being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Convicted violators would have to enter the Health Professional Recovery Program, a treatment plan. Since 1993, the program has existed to both protect the public and monitor treatment recovery for health professionals.

Participants can check themselves in, which helps them hold onto their license, but the program is required to report them to the state if they fail to meet requirements.

Rick Frankhart, the program director, said about 700 participants went through the program in the past year, with a 70 to 80 percent success rate. Depending

on the case, many people in the program continue to practice, as long as they don't pose a threat to patients.

"I'm not sure this legislation addresses the core issue," which Frankhart said is effectively treating people with a disease.

But Gordon McNeill, the Barry County prosecutor, disagrees. McNeill was frustrated recently when forced to charge Dr. Christopher Tomczyk, a Hastings dentist who was treating patients while drunk, with assault and battery, because no other appropriate law is on the books. Tomczyk was convicted.

"He was completely schnockered," McNeill said.

Police found an empty bottle of tequila in the office trash when they checked a patient complaint. Tomczyk had already fled his office, but had a bodily alcohol content of 0.25 percent, more than thrice the legal limit for drunk driving, when he was caught later.

"I felt as if I was in a twilight zone with a mad scientist," said Gloria Anderson, the patient who complained that Tomczyk hugged her inappropriately in the

course of replacing a filling.

Since then, Tomczyk has entered the Health Professionals Recovery Program and is still practicing dentistry. He did not return calls requesting comment.

The Michigan State Medical Society, Dental Association and Health & Hospital Association support the measures. Gov. Jennifer Granholm doesn't oppose them, according to Liz Boyd, her press secretary.

The legislation is now awaiting action in the Senate Health Policy Committee.

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## Jeske, Thomas engaged



Matthew Thomas and Elizabeth Jeske

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The bride-elect is the daughter of Floyd and Denise Jeske of Negaunee.

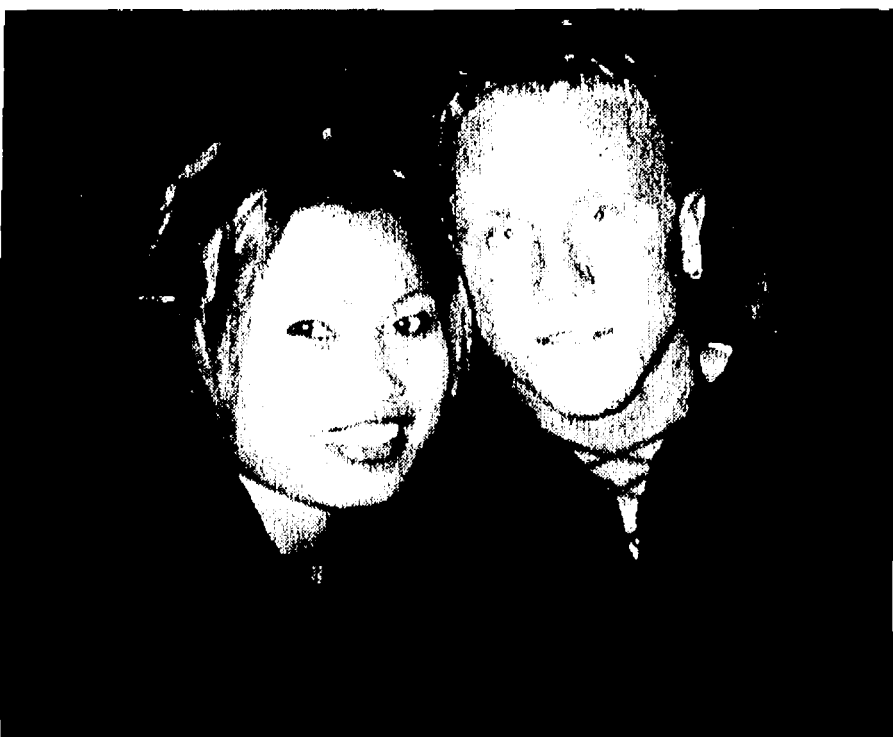
Elizabeth graduated from

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## Tomczak, Sheldon engaged



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## Troops, sailors get the star treatment

Local soldier, PFC Justin Michal, and his fellow troops were treated to a surprise visit last month by Late Night talk show host David Letterman.

Letterman provided entertainment and some much-needed laughs as well as encouraging words for our men and women in uniform.

Michal is currently performing inside security duties with the U.S. Army at the Baghdad International Airport in Iraq, following months of work with Special Ops Forces, hunting down Saddam Hussein and his many operatives.

Michal is the son of JoAnn and Neal Michal of Grayling, and a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School.

For Navy Fireman William J. Hartig, also of Grayling, he and his fellow sailors aboard the USS Enterprise currently in the Arabian Gulf, were recently treated to a visit by actor Ben Affleck.

Affleck delivered a morale-boosting message to the 5,300 Sailors and Marines on board as they prepared to spend the holi-



PFC Justin Michal, of Grayling, shares a few thoughts with CBS's "Late Night" host David Letterman during his surprise holiday visit with the troops in Iraq. Letterman provided laughs with his whacky sense of humor, giving the troops a break from their serious work of bringing freedom to the Iraqi people. He also signed hundreds of autographs.

day season defending the country. He also signed autographs, posed for photos and provided a special showing of his new movie, "Paycheck."

Hartig is the son of Tina and William E. Hartig of Grayling,

and a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School. He joined the Navy in August 2002.

Crawford County Avalanche staff writer Cheryll Ruley contributed to this article.

## Wake held for 745th soldier killed in Iraq

A wake and funeral mass was held last week in Illinois for Staff Sgt. Michael Sutter, who was killed in Iraq on December 26.

A Tinley Park, IL resident, Sutter, 28, was killed in Baqubah, Iraq when the improvised explosive device he was attempting to render safe detonated. He was a member of the 745th Ordnance Company, 79th Ordnance Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard, based at Camp Grayling.

Family and friends of Sutter remembered his unselfish nature, zest for new challenges and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty.

"Staff Sgt. Sutter was a dedicated member of the Michigan National Guard who drove from his hometown in Tinley Park, Illinois, to Camp Grayling, Michigan, every month for training," said Maj. Gen. Tom Cutler,

Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard. Gen. Cutler was tasked with the posthumous presentation of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

"He was a Michigan Guardsman, one of our own, and we are deeply saddened by this loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and with the soldiers he served with."

"Although Sgt. Sutter was a Michigan Army National Guardsman, he was also a fellow Illinoisan and his death is a sad day for all of us here in Illinois," said Brig. Gen. Randal Thomas, Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard.

"We in the National Guard feel the loss anytime a fellow Guardsman is killed regardless of state boundaries. I hope the citizens of both Michigan and Illinois never forget the supreme sacrifice made by this brave

Guardsman."

A wake for Staff Sgt. Sutter was held January 8 at Vandenburg Funeral Home, and a mass was held January 9 at St. Julie Billiart Church; interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. A bugler was sent from Michigan to play taps and a flag case was provided by Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Also scheduled to pay their respects were Sgt. Maj. Terry Richardson, Camp Grayling Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Tom Lamie, 507th Engineer Battalion Commander Col. Dennis Knappen, and 38th Engineer Brigade Commander Col. James Anderson.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, the Sutter Family is asking donations be made on behalf of Staff Sgt. Sutter at the following website: [www.coxl.memorial.org](http://www.coxl.memorial.org).

## MILITARY NEWS



PFC Jesse J. Helsel

Marine Corps PFC Jesse J. Helsel of Grayling, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Helsel and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Helsel spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Helsel and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guid-

ing personal and professional conduct.

Helsel and fellow recruits ended the training phase with "The Crucible," a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Helsel is a 2003 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Ellen Helsel of Grayling.

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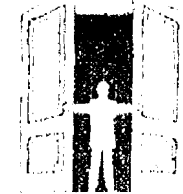
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#### Classes Begin

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NOTE: Late registration available at all locations the first day of class.

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Class Starts: February 3, 2004  
Length of Class: 8 weeks  
Day of Class: Tuesday  
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Place: Grayling Middle School room 114  
Cost: \$50.00 Includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 5, 2004  
Length of Class: 8 weeks  
Day of Class: Thursday  
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm  
Cost: \$40.00  
Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: January 15, 2004  
Length of Class: 12 weeks  
Day of Class: Thursday  
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm  
Cost: \$60.00  
Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States, and is certified by him.

### Self Defense

#### Youth Sanchin-Ryu

Class Starts: February 2, 2004  
Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.  
Day of Class: Monday  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
Cost: \$25.00  
Instructor: John Homrich

Kids have a blast learning a wide range of self defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu.

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### Grace Under Pressure

#### Self Defense for Women

Class Starts: February 2, 2004  
Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.  
Day of Class: Monday  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
Cost: \$25.00  
Instructor: John Homrich

An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations!

### Basic Computers

Class Starts: February 5, 2004  
Length of Class: 8 weeks  
Day of Class: Thursday  
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Place: Grayling High School, Rm 8206  
Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)  
Instructor: Terri Lasby

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

### Intro to Computers

Class Starts: February 3, 2004  
Length of Class: 8 weeks  
Day of Class: Tuesday  
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Place: Grayling High School, Rm 206  
Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)  
Instructor: Terri Lasby

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?!?) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers.

### Spanish For Adults

Class Starts: February 3, 2004  
Length of Class: 8 weeks  
Day of Class: Tuesday  
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Place: Grayling High School  
Cost: \$40.00  
Instructor: Nancy Lemmen

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### Stained Glass

Class Starts: February 3, 2004  
Length of Class: 6 weeks  
Day of Class: Tuesday  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Place: Grayling High School Art Rm  
Maximum enrollment: 6  
Cost: \$60.00  
Instructor: Kim Wejrowski

Students will be taught the basics of stained glass and will make a project that will not only get them acquainted with the different tools, but also show them how to work with patterns, glass scoring and cutting. A list of materials needed can be obtained by contacting the Community Education Office at 344-3535.

### Artist's Workshop

Class Starts: February 4, 2004  
Length of Class: 6 weeks  
Day of Class: Wednesday  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Place: Grayling High School Art Rm  
Cost: \$50.00  
Instructor: Andrea Binert

A course designed to bring artists together to work and learn in a supportive group environment. Students can be of any ability level and can choose any 2-D media they wish. The instructor will provide individual and group instruction focusing on technique and the creative process.

### Creative Memories Workshop

Class Starts: February 2, 2004  
Length of Class: 2 weeks  
Day of Class: Monday  
Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Place: Grayling High School Art Rm  
Cost: \$20.00  
Instructor: Susan McCurdy

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# OPINIONS

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## Pastor's column would give Iraqis wrong impression

To the editor,  
 I have a word for members of our armed forces who are proudly serving their country in Iraq. I know you are trying to establish peace in the region, and to promote peace you are trying to improve relations between yourselves and ordinary Iraqis. I also know a number of you are receiving the *Avalanche*.

Now, I know ordinary Iraqis are unlikely to get hold of your back copies of the *Avalanche*, but you can never tell, there are spies everywhere. You can't be too careful.

Because if ordinary Iraqis were to read Pastor B's column, it could undo months of patient bridge building between Muslims and Americans. It would make Iraqis believe Americans really are conducting a religious war (something fundamentalist extremists tell them, but which most Iraqis -- so far --

don't believe) and that Americans are happy to believe Christian fundamentalists who tell blatant lies about Islam.

Lies? Yes, unfortunately Pastor B has been fed a fairy tale by "author Rick Mathes" who paints Islam as the Evil Entity of the East. In turn, Pastor B wants us to swallow it.

In the first place, we're supposed to believe nearly all Muslim clerics tell their followers to kill Christians. Horse feathers. The minority of Muslim leaders who are whipping up anti-American sentiment are against our foreign policy, which if you hadn't noticed is a political matter, not an article of religious faith. (Thank God!)

The Qur'an even praises those who take up arms with the help of Allah to defend "the monasteries and churches, the synagogues and mosques in which His praise is daily celebrated." (Sura 22:40)

In the second place, we're supposed to believe that a Muslim Imam doesn't even know the definition of "unbelievers" in the Qur'an. Unbelievers referred to the idol-worshipping pagan Arabs who persecuted the Prophet Mohammad for trying to introduce monotheism into Arabia.

Christians and Jews are known to Muslims as "Peoples of the Book." Of them, the Qur'an says, "There are among the People of the Book some upright men who... enjoin justice and forbid evil and vie with each other in good works. These are righteous men: whatever good they do, its reward shall not be denied them. Allah knows the righteous." (Sura 3)

In the third place, we're supposed to believe that a supposed Muslim fundamentalist was "speechless" and "hung his head in shame" at the Christian's argu-

ment. I'll believe that one when Pastor B hangs his head in shame upon reading this.

Why should a Man of God so much enjoy repeating lies about another religion? I'm puzzled.

Does he think he's going to convert Osama bin Laden by lying about Islam? I'd be delighted if Osama gave up the error of his ways, but somehow I have doubts that Pastor B's column is the silver bullet which will achieve that.

So, back to our brave men and women in Iraq: For your own safety and to prevent Iraqis from getting the wrong impression of us, I'd advise you to cut Pastor B's column out of your treasured copy of the *Avalanche*.

Cathy Lester  
 Grayling

## WASHINGTON NOTES

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

### 2003: A year in review

As we begin a new year, I wanted to share with you some of the legislative accomplishments and disappointments of 2003, and look ahead to the challenges of 2004.

With over 8.5 million Americans now out of work, I am very disappointed that Congress adjourned without extending unemployment benefits for those who have lost their jobs because of the economic downturn.

The Senate leadership prevent-

ed a vote on legislation I introduced to re-authorize an additional 13 weeks of federal unemployment assistance and allow more states to qualify as high unemployment states and receive additional federal assistance, but I will continue this fight in 2004.

By narrow majorities, Congress passed another tax cut in 2003 targeted largely to the wealthiest Americans which will dangerously deepen the federal deficit and weaken economic prospects for future generations. In just three years, we have fallen from a projected ten-year surplus of \$5.6 trillion to a deficit of \$374 billion -- the largest ever.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has projected a \$480 billion deficit for the year ahead which, given the costs of the war in Iraq, is likely to surpass a half-trillion dollars. We are stacking up bills for our children and grandchildren to pay for our lack of fiscal discipline.

Under the guise of adding a prescription drug benefit, Congress passed a radical and ill-advised restructuring of the Medicare program. I strongly support adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, but this new law will force many seniors to choose between staying in Medicare and leaving Medicare to join an HMO they otherwise would not join in order to get a prescription drug benefit. An estimated 25 percent of retirees with drug coverage through a former employer will lose that coverage under the new law.

While those are some of the disappointments of the year, we

had positive accomplishments as well.

I led a year-long examination of the U.S. tax shelter industry which looked at how accounting firms, banks, investment advisors, and lawyers have become high-powered engines behind the design and sale of abusive, and often illegal, tax shelters. We found that these tax evasion schemes are generating millions of dollars in fees while robbing the U.S. Treasury of billions of dollars each year. We are working to craft legislation to address these abuses.

We must continue efforts to keep our citizens safe and strengthen Michigan's role in the war on terrorism.

Michigan fire departments received millions of dollars through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for training and equipment.

We have assisted Michigan businesses and universities in their efforts to develop technologies to keep our water supply safe, combat anthrax and protect our borders.

I have worked to ensure that the Michigan National Guard has modern facilities for training soldiers and performing its duties, and I have supported efforts to locate DHS facilities at Selfridge (ANG Base), and at Camp Grayling and the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center.

To address the dumping of Canadian trash into Michigan landfills, the Governmental Affairs Committee approved legislation to stop the importation of Canadian waste until the

Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the methods and technology used to screen the waste for chemical, nuclear, biological and radiological weapons are as effective as those used to screen for such materials in other commercial vehicles entering the country.

For many years, I have fought the inequitable system which forces "donor" states like Michigan to send more federal gasoline tax dollars to Washington than they receive back for road and bridge projects. In 2003, I introduced legislation to increase states' minimum guaranteed highway funding from 90.5% to 95% of a state's share of gas tax contributions, and I will continue to work with the Michigan Congressional Delegation and the Governor to increase our share of federal transportation dollars.

The Great Lakes and Michigan's environment remain top priorities. We were able to secure funds for the Army Corps of Engineers to help clean up the most polluted sites in the Great Lakes, and we secured funding to help repair damage from the floods in the U.P. the past two years. We also assisted Governor Granholm in obtaining \$14 million from the Department of Agriculture for emerald ash borer eradication.

To assist Michigan industries, I also introduced legislation to improve the transportation system for international and interstate commerce, including decreasing border crossing times and improving highway corridors used for trade.

There is a lot of work to do in Congress in 2004, but I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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*Vikings defeat Bucks 53-26 in dual meet at Roscommon*

# GHS wins Oscoda tournament

## Malone nets 100th career victory

**Viking wrestlers place 1st out of eight teams at Saturday's meet**

The GHS wrestling team won the tournament championship at Saturday's Oscoda Invitational. Grayling (241 team points) finished 30 points ahead of second place Gladwin (211) and had six

individual champions.

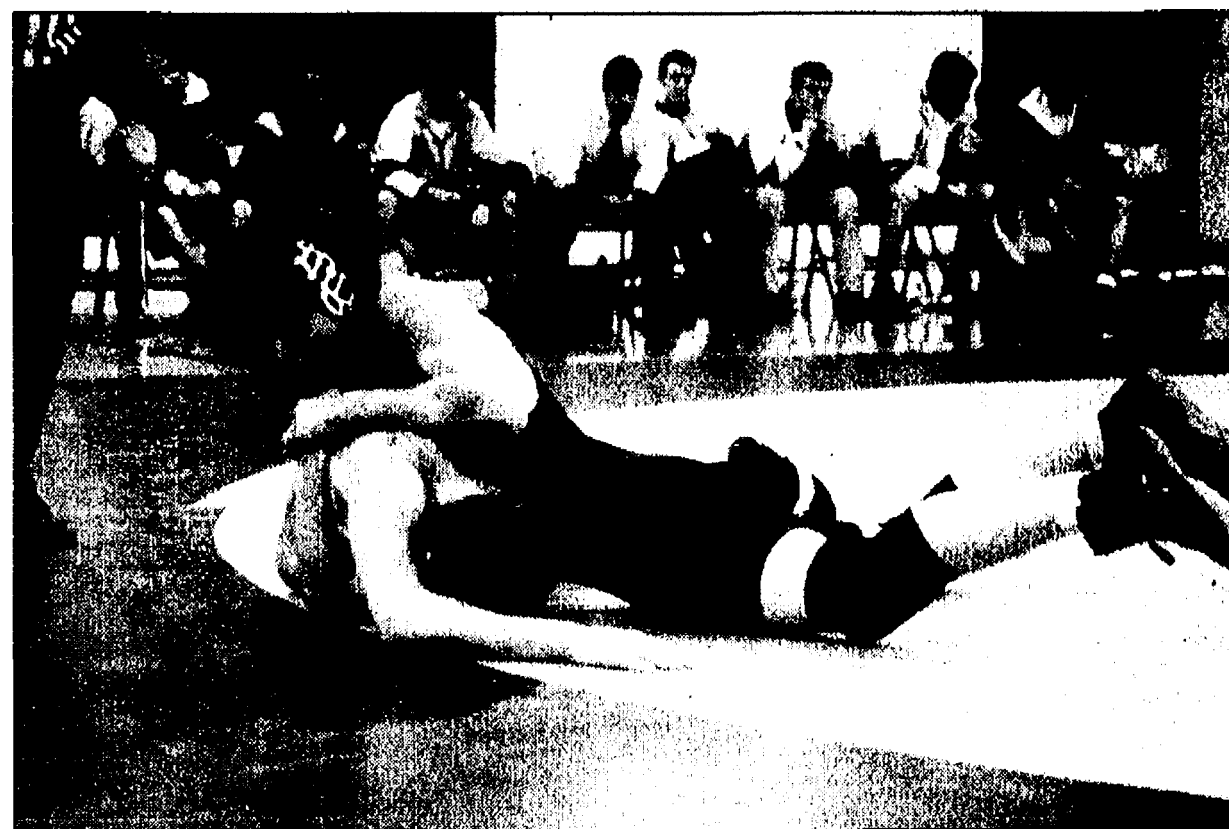
First place finishers for Grayling at Oscoda included: Corey Metzger (125), Joel Wilson (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), Dusty Partello (171), Brandon Pratt (189), and Aaron Rosecrans (215). Other Grayling medalists included: Adam Malone (135), 2nd; Brian Borchers (145), 2nd; Don Starks (heavyweight), 2nd; Cody Verlinde (112), 3rd; Jeff

Bancroft (130), 3rd; Doug Webb (140), 3rd. Krystal Babbitt (103) also earned team points for GHS.

Malone (135) won his 100th career high school wrestling match at the Oscoda tournament. (Grayling now has four 100-win wrestlers on its roster: Malone, Pratt, Darryl Babbitt, and Partello.)

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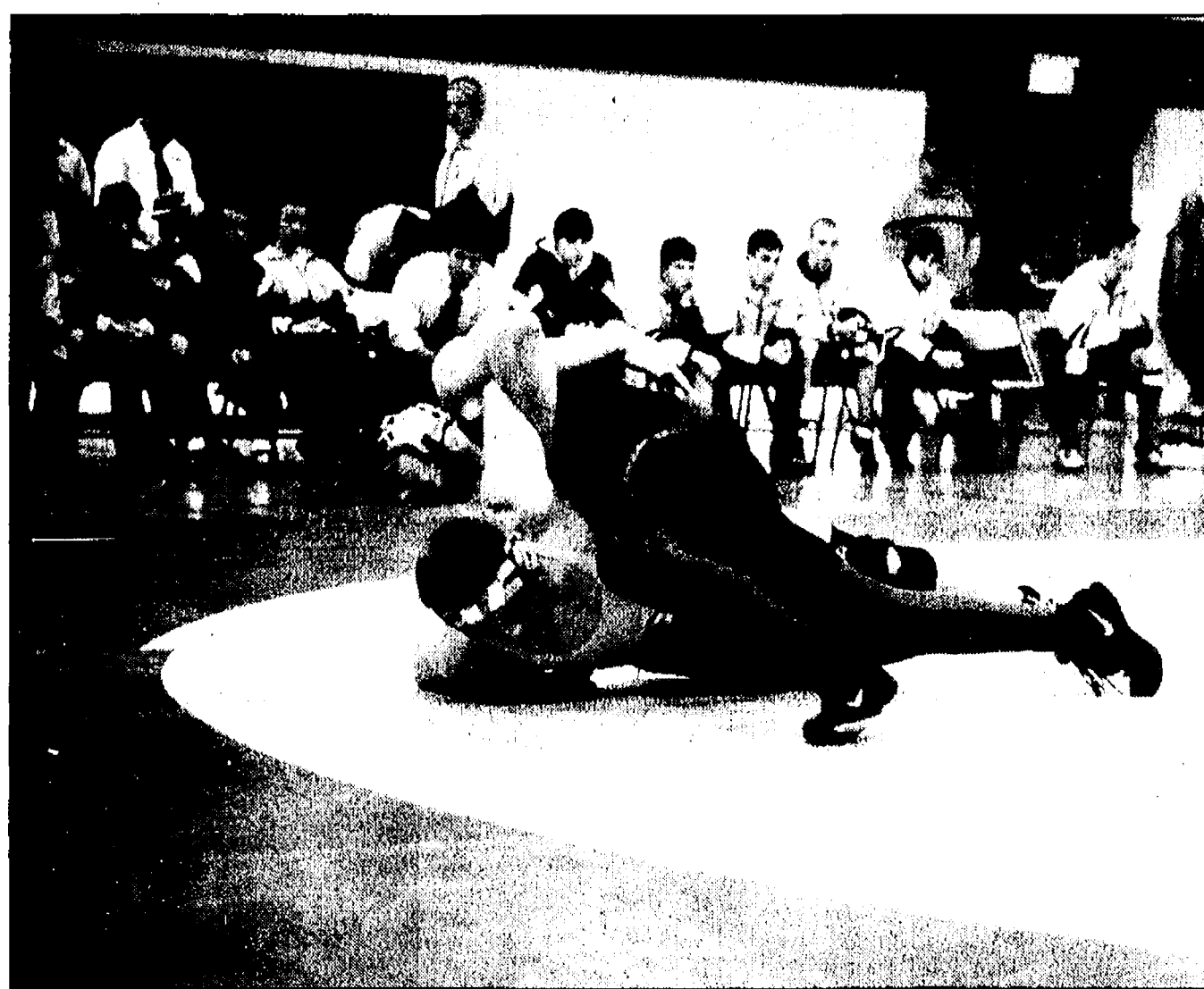
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Joel Wilson applies a hold to his Gaylord counterpart in the dual meet at Roscommon last week.



Doug Webb works toward a victory against Gaylord on Thursday night at Roscommon.



Darryl Babbitt wrestles a Gaylord opponent at last Thursday's meet at Roscommon High School.

Photos by Caleb Casey

# Vikings move to 2-0 in LMC

## Grayling defeats Blazers of Kalkaska 64-46

**GHS bounces back after a disappointing game on Tuesday**

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team rebounded from a disappointing outing on Tuesday night with a 64-46 conference victory over the Kalkaska Blazers on Friday.

The Vikings are now 2-0 in league play in the Lake Michigan Conference (3-2 overall).

On Friday at GHS, the Grayling vs. Kalkaska game was close until late in the third period. Grayling trailed 17-13 after one quarter and led 31-27 at halftime. The Vikings scored 10 unanswered points to finish the third quarter, and took a 50-39 advantage into the fourth period. Grayling's 10-0 run included three-pointers by Gibson Tobin and Travis Helsel and two baskets by Roy Czapek.

The Vikings carried over their momentum from the end of the third quarter and outscored Kalkaska 9-2 in the first five minutes of the fourth period. Grayling's nine points included a triple by Tobin, an alley-oop lay-up by Joe Lange on a pass

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See "VIKINGS MOVE..."



Roy Czapek drives to the basket in the game vs. Kalkaska on Friday.

Photo by Caleb Casey

# Triathlon set for February 21

## Event seeks competitors

**10th annual event to include Nordic skiing, canoeing, and snowshoeing**

The Johnson Outdoors Winter Wolf Challenge (WWC), Grayling's 10th annual winter triathlon, invites all athletes to compete in its expanded, more challenging 2004 event.

The 2004 WWC will be held on Saturday, February 21, starting at 9 a.m.

The decade old event is comprised of three segments (canoeing, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing), all of which are being lengthened and made more challenging this year.

"Each year the abilities of the competitors increase. So does the challenge that the Winter Wolf makes to them," event organizers said.

The first event, the boating challenge, has been lengthened so the competitors can enjoy the cold (and sometimes partially frozen) AuSable River for a distance of approximately eight miles. This segment will take paddlers about 1-2 hours.

The second event is the 5K snowshoe run, which will be conducted on mountain bike trails over the rolling hills at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

The final event is the 12K Nordic (cross country) ski portion.

Those who are interested in experiencing what a winter triathlon is all about but are not serious competitors can sign up for the fun run, which offers all three events at shorter distances.

The WWC is open to both men and women. Steve and Chris Seager of Grayling, for example, have competed in the Winter Wolf triathlon in every year of the event's nine-year existence.

The WWC has had athletes from several states enter, and has grown from short segments to a more challenging, longer event.

This year, there will be a grand prize for one lucky competitor. Johnson Outdoors has provided a kayak, kayak shirt, paddle, and personal flotation device as a prize for the competitor who draws the winning ticket from a hat.

The 2004 WWC is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, beginning at 9 a.m. For an entry form, please contact Grayling Recreation Authority at 888-876-8156 or visit:

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## Powerlifters place 3rd at 20-team meet

### Grayling lifters win eight medals at Flushing Invitational

The GHS powerlifting team finished third at the recent Flushing Invitational tournament, an event that featured 20 teams and more than 300 lifters.

Clarkston won the tournament, and Grayling finished just six points behind second place Burton Bendle.

The Vikings had 26 competitors, and several earned medals at the event.

In the girls competition, Andrea Southard placed first in her division with a 540-pound total. Rochelle Hecht placed second with a 685-pound total.

In the boys competition, Mike Hecht finished first in the super

heavyweights with a 1,530-pound total. Luke Southard took second in the 220-pound division with a total of 1,355. Third place finishers for GHS included: Dan Snider (198) with 1,080; Jon

Parker (242) with 1,240; and Josh Parker (275) with 1,020.

In JV competition, Matt Larson (242) took first with a 975-pound total.

"Many other Grayling lifters

performed extremely well, earning personal bests, and nine lifters competed in their first meet," coaches said.

Grayling will compete at Newberry on January 24.



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Dan Snider gets ready to lift for Grayling at the Flushing Invitational powerlifting meet.



Jon Parker lifts in the squat event at the Flushing tournament.

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# Vikings move to 2-0 in LMC

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from Tobin, a lay-up by Tobin following a steal, and free throws by Tobin and Greg Morrill.

Kalkaska hit a three-pointer at the 3:02 mark. A free throw by Lange and two free throws by Andy Strohpaul put the Vikings up by 18 with 1:10 to go. A drive by Tobin gave GHS a 20-point advantage.

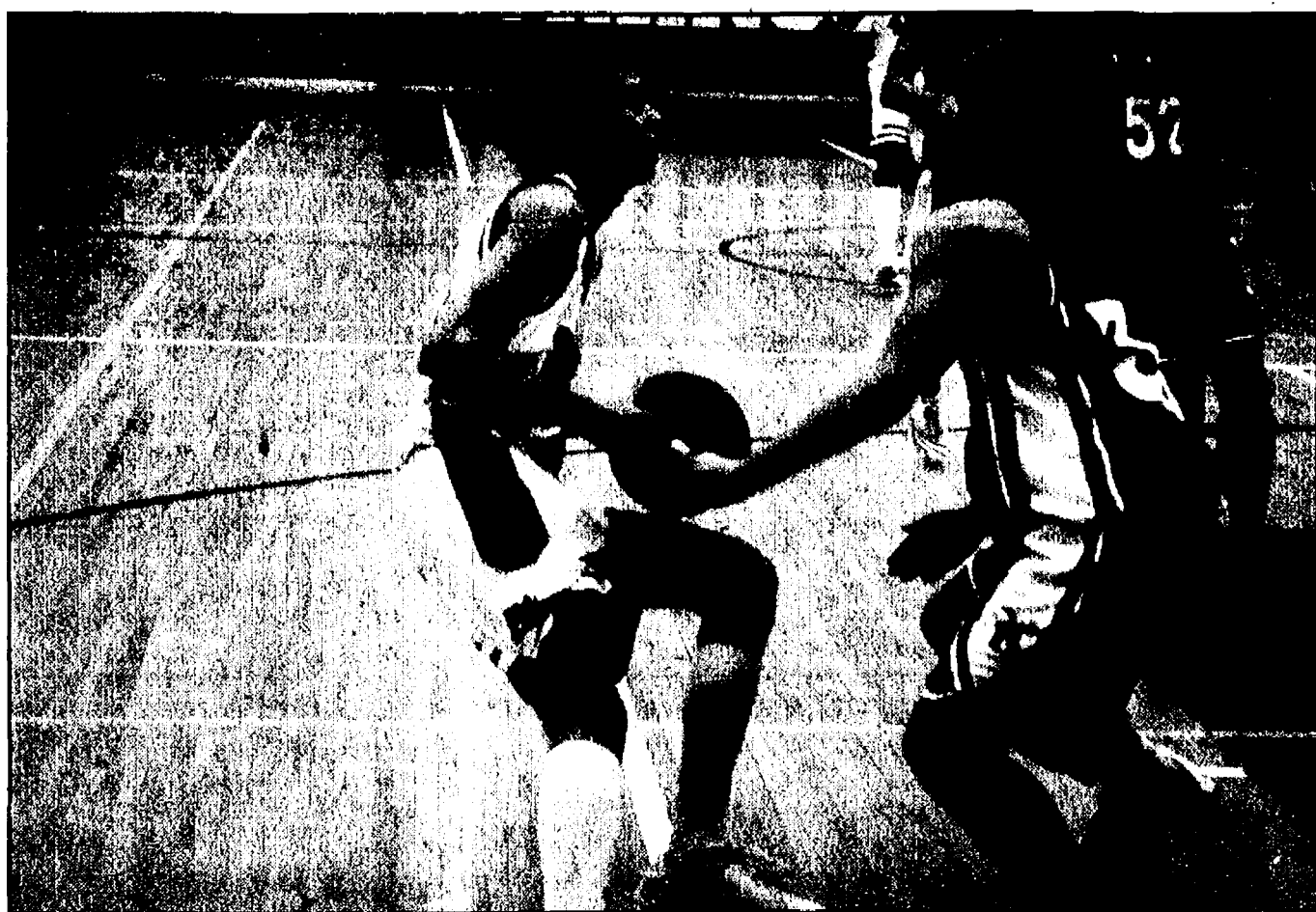
Grayling won by 18, 64-46.

"We played with a lot of intensity throughout this game. Our defensive rotations were sharp and crisp and we made it difficult for Kalkaska to score," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Offensively, I was pleased with the way we passed the ball."

Tobin led all scorers with 18 points. He also had a team-high nine assists and five steals. Czapek scored 11 and had nine rebounds. Lange and Helsel both finished with 10 points and nine rebounds each.

On Tuesday, in Grayling's first game back following holiday break, the Vikings lost to the Pinconning Spartans 45-38 at Pinconning.

Helsel was the scoring leader



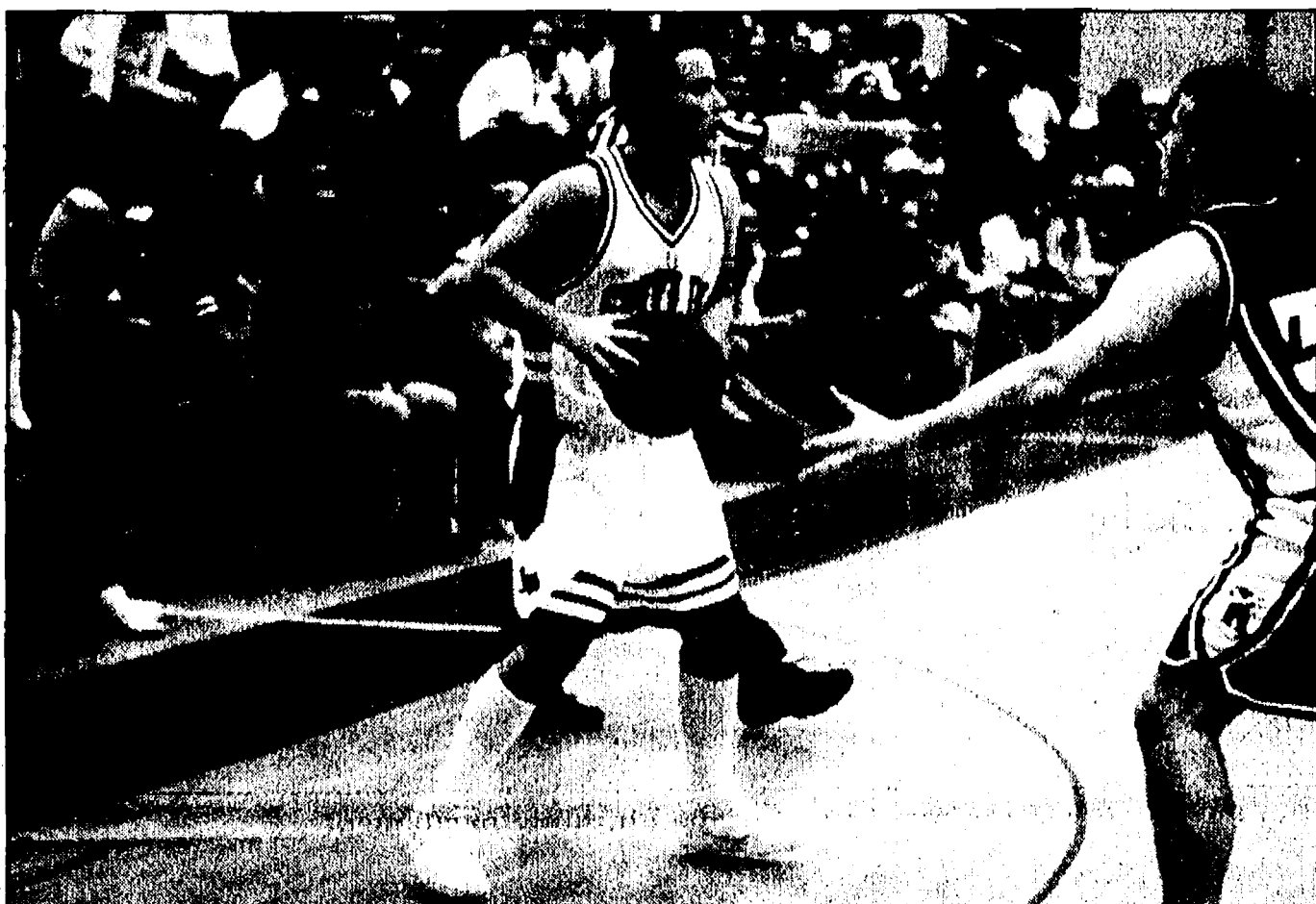
Josh Hinkle handles the ball for Grayling in Friday night's game.

for GHS with 12 points. Czapek had nine.

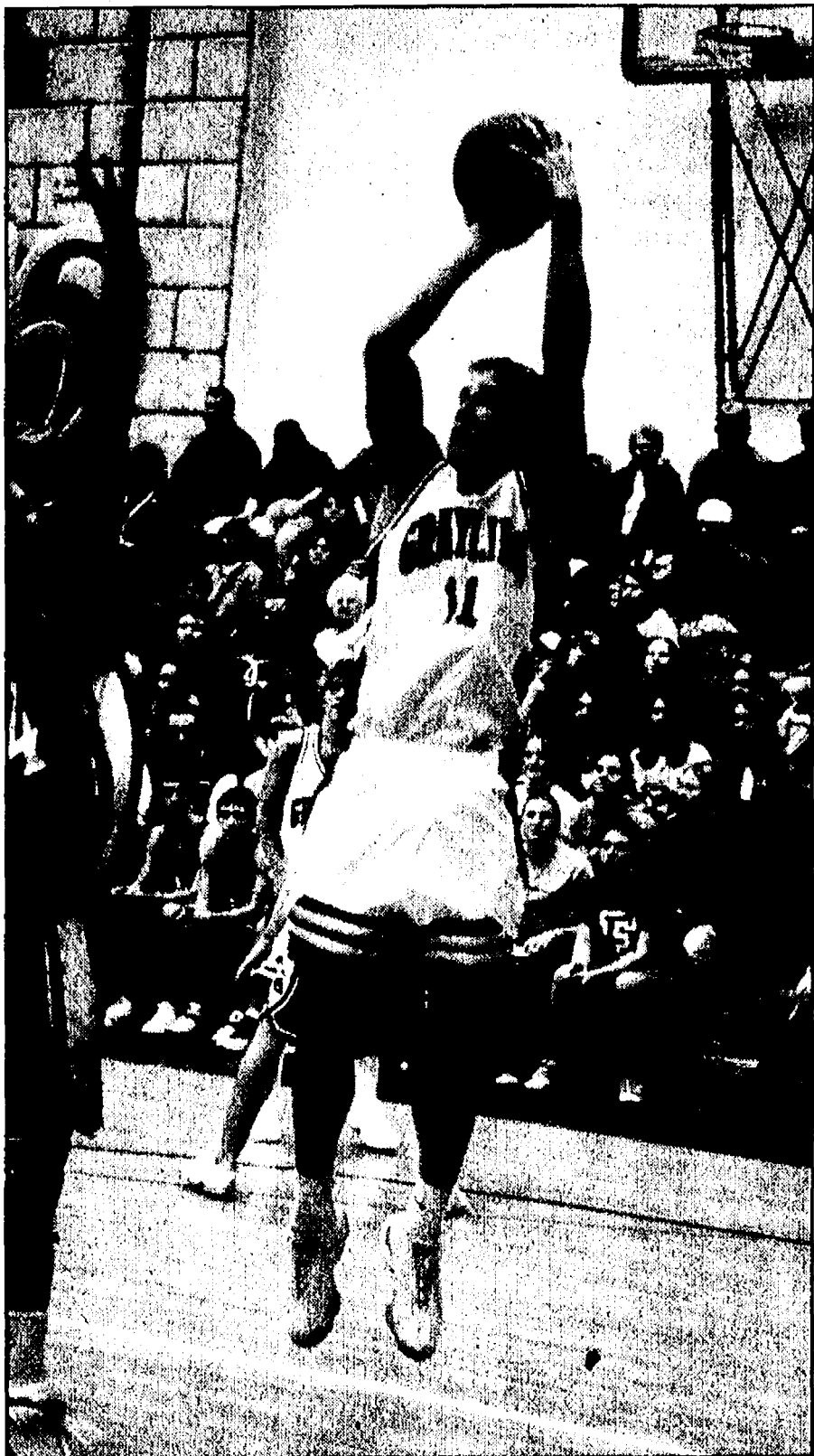
"We went into this game averaging 89 points a game and scored just 38. Numerous turnovers (27) and poor shooting (19 percent) are not an ingredient

for success," Coach Moffit said. "Hopefully, this is a major league wake-up call and we will learn from this game."

The Vikings will host the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, January 16.



Derek Johnston looks to pass in the game vs. Kalkaska on Friday.



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Travis Helsel takes a jump shot in the Grayling vs. Kalkaska game last week.

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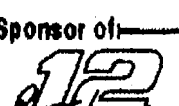
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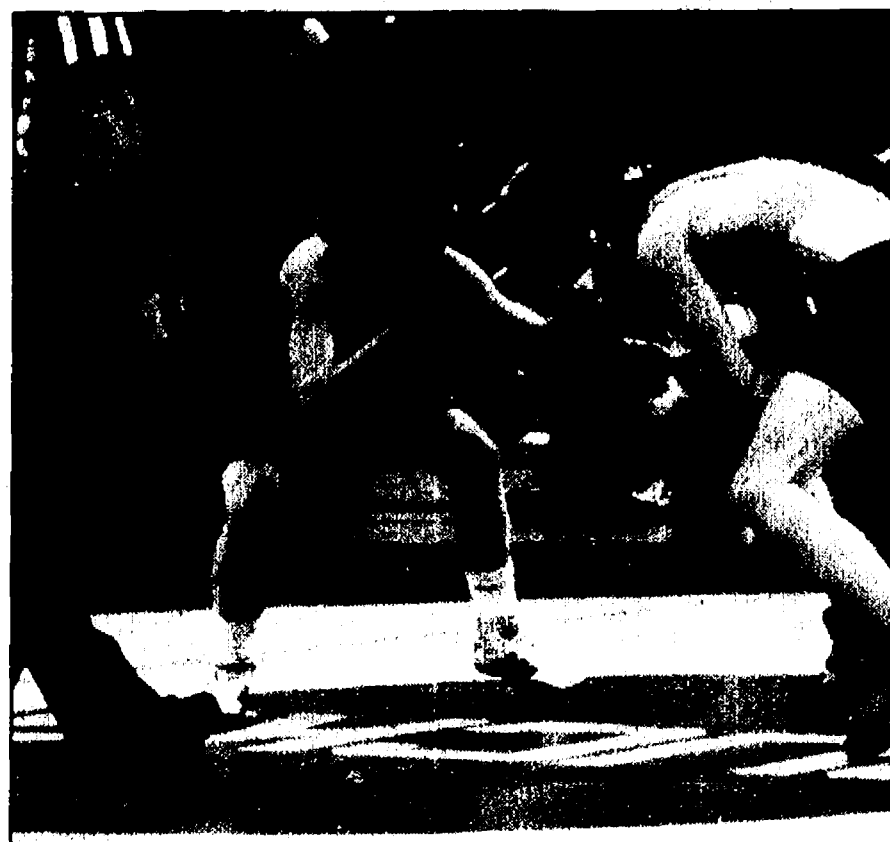
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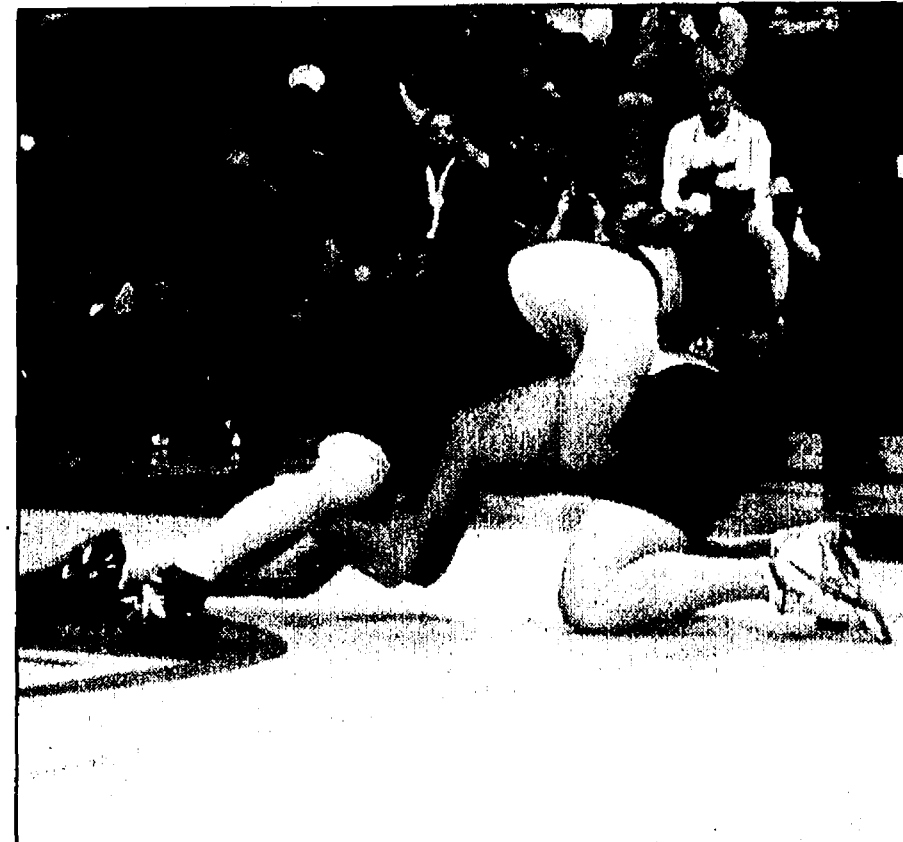
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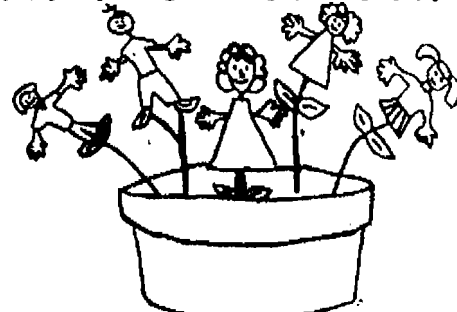


Krystal Babbitt squares off against a Gaylord wrestler on Thursday night.



Aaron Rosecrans wrestles against the Blue Devils of Gaylord in a meet at RHS last week.

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## GHS wins Oscoda tournament

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In JV competition, Mike Gassman (160) placed 2nd, James Walker (145) was 3rd, and Troy Wilson (152) took 3rd.

"Grayling jumped into the lead after the first round and never fell behind. It was great to see the team step up to the big challenge and come home with the championship trophy and six individual champions," Coach Don Ferguson said.

In a dual wrestling meet at Roscommon High School last Thursday, Grayling defeated Roscommon but lost to a strong Gaylord squad.

The meet opened with Grayling vs. Gaylord, starting

with the 160-pound weight class. Darryl Babbitt (160) put Grayling up 3-0 with an 11-4 victory. The Vikings went up 9-0 with a second round pin by Partello (171).

The Blue Devils of Gaylord won the next nine matches — two by forfeit, two by decision, and five by pin — to lead 49-9.

Webb (140) won his match by decision 8-3 to put Grayling's team score at 12. Joel Wilson (145) defeated his opponent 9-0, adding four points to Grayling's team total. Gaylord won the last match (152) to finish with a 55-16 victory.

The Blue Devils won both JV matches.

Gaylord then defeated Roscommon 50-24, winning six matches by pin, two by decision, and one by forfeit.

Roscommon, the home team, then squared off against Grayling. The Bucks jumped out to a 24-0 lead with pins in the first four matches (275, 103, 112, and 119).

Grayling got on the board with a third round pin by Metzger (125). Roscommon picked up two team points with a 9-7 win in the 130-pound weight division.

In the 135-pound weight class, Malone pinned his opponent in the second round to bring Grayling's team total to 12. Webb (140) earned five more points for GHS with a 15-0 victory in round two.

Joel Wilson (145) won his match in the third round due to an injury forfeit. The victory pulled Grayling within three, 26-23, with five matches to go.

Troy Wilson (152) won by default, giving Grayling a 29-26 lead. Darryl Babbitt (160) pinned his opponent in the second round to put GHS up by nine, 35-26.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Corey Metzger lifts a Gaylord wrestler in last Thursday's meet at Roscommon.

Partello (171) clinched a team win for Grayling with a second round pin. Grayling led 41-26 with two matches to go.

Pratt (189) and Rosecrans (215) both won their matches by pin in the first round to add 12 to Grayling's final team total. The Vikings defeated the Bucks 53-26.

In Grayling vs. Roscommon junior varsity action, the Vikings won all three matches. Borchers and Jesse CdeBaca both posted first round pins, and Gassman

won by pin in the second round. "Corey Metzger turned the momentum around with a pin. Then Grayling got into the powerhouse of their line-up and won the next eight matches. It was an exciting dual right to the finish," Coach Ferguson said. "The Grayling captains did an excellent job in getting their team focused on the job of defeating the Bucks."

The Vikings will host Pinconning on Thursday, January 22, at 6 p.m.



Dusty Partello wrestles a Gaylord opponent.

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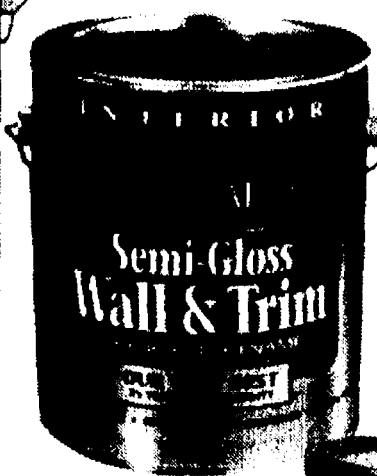
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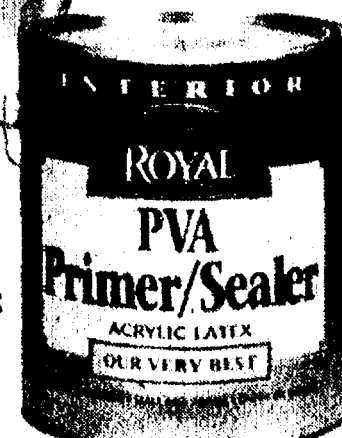
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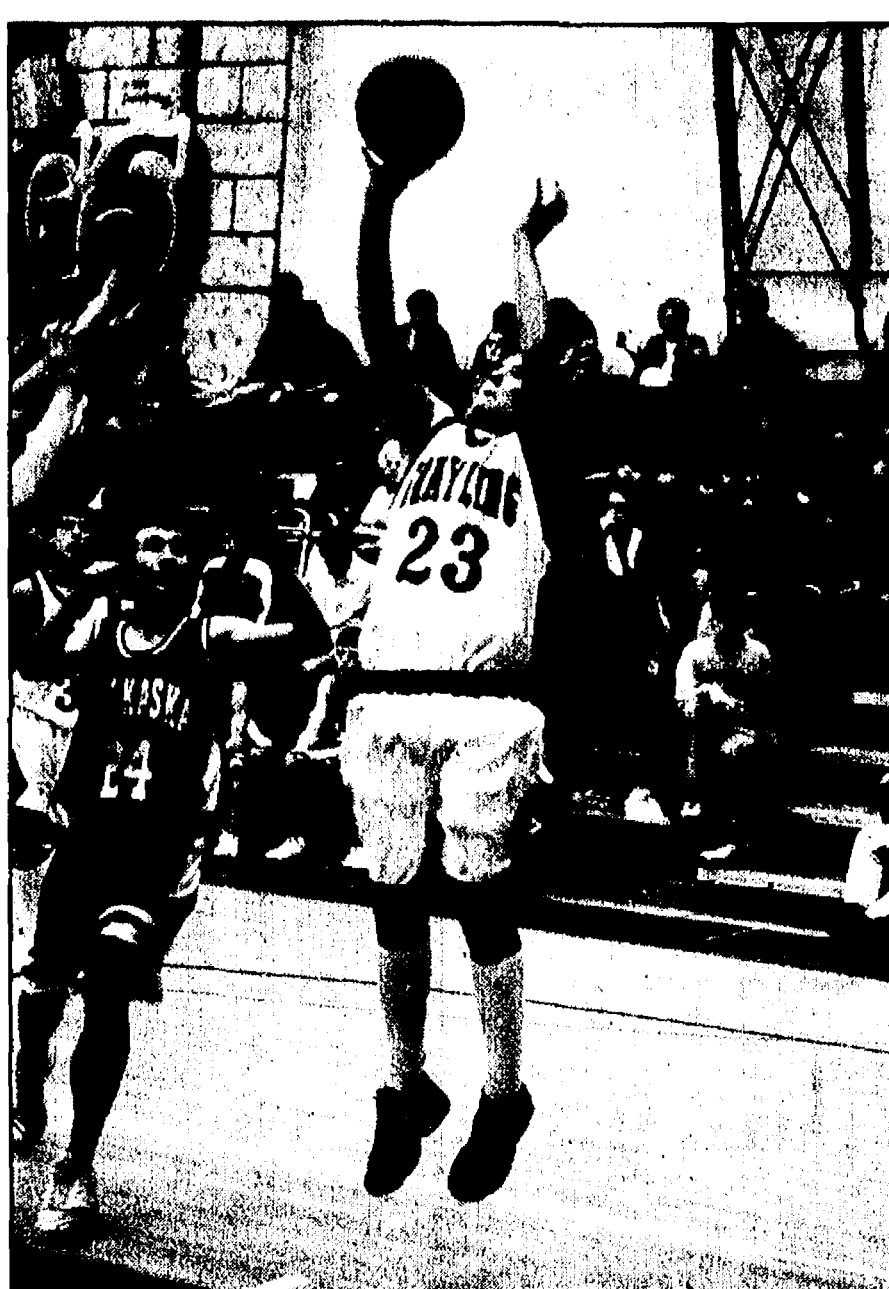
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Zeke Hayes takes a jump shot vs. Kalkaska.

## JV team wins at Pinconning

### Vikings post road win at Pinny, fall to Kalkaska Blazers at GHS

In games last week, the GHS junior varsity boys basketball team won at Pinconning and lost to Kalkaska.

On Tuesday, the Vikings

defeated the Spartans of Pinconning 66-61 at Pinconning in Grayling's first game back from the holiday break.

"The team played with intensity and stamina Tuesday night. We played well for coming off the Christmas break," Coach Butch Hayes said.

The leading scorer for Grayling was Eli VanNuck, who

finished with 28 points. Matt Swope added 17. Ryan Feldhauser, Zach Dean, Zac Baker, Reagan Schmidt, Russ Peters, Mike Boylan, and Jim Boylan also scored for the Vikings in the contest.

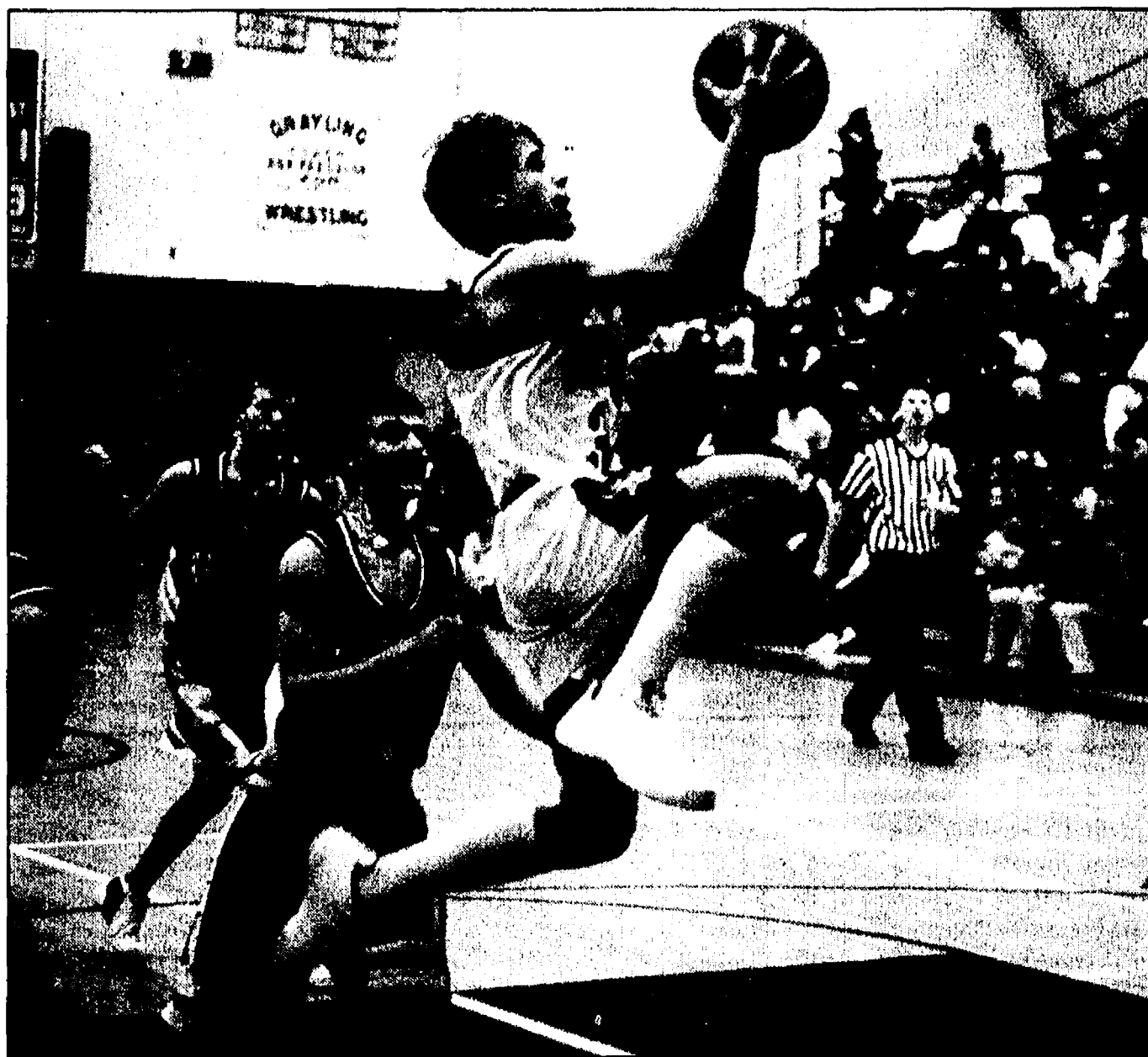
On Friday night, the Vikings struggled in a home game against Kalkaska and lost to the Blazers by a final score of 43-30.

Kalkaska led 13-9 after one quarter and had a 23-15 advantage at halftime. With a 12-5 third quarter, the Blazers took a 35-20 lead into the fourth period, and Grayling wasn't able to gain any ground in the last eight minutes.

VanNuck was the leading scorer for GHS with 15 points. Baker, Ron Johnston, Jim Boylan, Schmidt, and Dean also scored points for the Vikings.

The Vikings have a 3-2 record going into this week's set of games.

The JV team will host Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, January 16. The freshman game will start at 4:15 p.m. and the JV contest will follow.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Eli VanNuck drives to the basket against Kalkaska on Friday.

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Men's Team

LIVONIA - Kirtland opened play Saturday in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 101-62 loss to perennial powerhouse Schoolcraft.

Anton Palmer scored 23 points and Brian Baumgartner added 23 for the victors, who improved to 9-2 overall, 1-0 in the league.

Martin Samarco scored 20 points and Jantrell Lewis had 14 for the Firebirds, 9-3 and 0-1, who lost their second straight game.

### Women's Team

LIVONIA - Kirtland's Lady Firebirds lost their fifth straight game Saturday, falling to Schoolcraft, 87-33, as both teams opened play in Michigan Community College Athletic Association action.

Ashley Gibson scored 16 and Tara Charles had 15 for Schoolcraft, 6-4 overall.

Janel Kenyon had 13 points and Kenzie Steward added 12, while Kamae Larson hauled down 15 rebounds for Kirtland, 5-9 overall.

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## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the, foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James E. Faust and Nancy A. Faust, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on January 12, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 363, and modified by agreement dated February 24, 2000, and recorded on March 16, 2000 in Liber 503 on Page 363, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$52,213.69), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 28, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: The East 300 feet of the South 300 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, lying East of the East Branch of the AuSable River.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 25, 2003  
For more information, please call:  
FC W 248.593.1312

Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Fifth Third Mortgage Company as successor by merger and/or name change to Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #007432F01

-25-1-8-15

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Arthur Hurst, a single man and Madeline Marie Chase, a single woman as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 484, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Twenty-Three And 53/100 Dollars (\$19,023.53), including interest at 14% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: A parcel of Land located in the West ten acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North line of said Section 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 163.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East along the West 1/8 line 443.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds East 163.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds West 443.70 feet to the point of beginning. Be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC successor by merger to Centex Home Equity Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #007879F01

-1-8-15-22

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Morrow, II, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Bank of Ann Arbor, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2002, and recorded on November 4, 2002 in Liber 605 on Page 354, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee by an assignment dated November 12, 2002 recorded on July 23, 2003 in Liber 643 on Page 483, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven And 82/100 Dollars (\$35,727.82), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Numbered 44, Assessor's Plat of Switzerville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #008091F01

-1-8-15-22

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret Rita Pedrotte and A/K/A Margaret Pedrotte, a protected person, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 1998, and recorded on August 26, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 403, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four And 58/100 Dollars (\$15,554.58), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, (also being known as Parcel D)

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Citizens Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #007933F01

-8-15-22-29

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Randall K. West, A/K/A Randall Keith West, and Sheri Marie West, husband and wife, of 10446 Regimental Way, Grayling, 49738-6741 to First National Bank Of Gaylord, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735, dated June 5, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and the State of Michigan, on July 6, 2000 in Liber 0511 Pages 223 through 226, Crawford County Records, and which there is a claim to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$93,020.96.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 13 of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six(6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 18, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP  
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-25-1-8-15-22

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky T. Egan, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to The Mortgage Store, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2001, and recorded on May 30, 2001 in Liber 537 on Page 473, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee by an assignment dated April 13, 2001 recorded on May 30, 2001 in Liber 537 on Page 492, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five And 78/100 Dollars (\$87,225.78), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as beginning on the East line of said Section 27 at a point which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1027.80 feet along said East line from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence continuing along said East line of Section 27 South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 305.00 feet to the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 minutes West 370.00 feet along the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 12 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East 311.70 feet; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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casement for ingress and egress and for the installation and maintenance of public utilities over that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as a strip of land 66.0 feet in width and lying 33.0 feet either side of a centerline which is described as beginning on the East line of said Section 27 at a point which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1027.80 feet along said East line from East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 300.00 feet; thence South 12 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds West 277.94 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 1954.50 feet along a line which is 33.0 feet North of and parallel with the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of ending of this centerline description.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC W 248.593.1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Flagstar Bank, FSB  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #008537F01

-15-22-29-5

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maynard L. Kirk, III, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1999, and recorded on October 12, 1999 in Liber 492 on Page 541, and assigned by mesne assignments to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 2000 recorded on April 26, 2000 in Liber 506 on Page 576, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight And 07/100 Dollars (\$46,368.07), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Wakeley Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 18, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2004  
For more information, please call:

FC D 248.593.1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For CitiMortgage, Inc. as successor in interest to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #008312F01

-15-22-29-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David E. Lepsy, a single man, to First Finance, mortgagee, dated August 21, 1997 and recorded August 28, 1997 in Liber 436, Page 484, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six and 78/100 Dollars (\$21,376.78) including interest at the rate of 12.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 18, 2004.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the S/4 corner of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence North 0 degrees 56 minutes East 258.8 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North along N/S 1/4 line to R.R. R.O.W.; thence continuing along said R.O.W. to a point 351.34 feet Southeasterly of E/W 1/4 line; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes West 199.05 feet; thence South 6 degrees 46 minutes East 248.2 feet; thence North 83 degrees 14 minutes East 250.0 feet; thence South 6 degrees 46 minutes East 1830 feet; thence South 83 degrees 14 minutes East to the Point of Beginning. All being North and East of Sherwood Forest Subdivision and South and West of the R.R. Right of Way.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: January 15, 2004  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys For CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 209.2459  
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### Grayling Township Notice

Please be notified the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Case #04-1C       | Richard & Pamela Engel  |
| Re-scheduled from | 1698 Stephan Bridge Rd. |
| #2003-3C 11/25/03 | Grayling, MI 49738      |
| Property Code:    | 40-008-09-080-00        |
| Location:         | T26N,R2W, Sec. 8        |
|                   | R-F Zone                |

A request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an in-home occupation (for sale of antiques) in the Recreational Forest R-F Zone, in an accessory building.

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Case #04-1SU   | Gerald Richardson Jr. |
|                | 3785 Jones Lake Road  |
|                | Grayling, MI 49738    |
| Property Code: | 44-033-08-040-00      |
| Location:      | T27N,R3W, Sec. 33     |
|                | R-F Zone              |

A request for a Special Use Permit to split a 2.5 acre parcel into two 1 1/4 acre parcels.

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Case #04-2SU   | Hal's Masonry      |
|                | 1548 Meander       |
|                | Grayling, MI 49738 |
| Property Code: | 42-013-05-050-18   |
| Location:      | T26N,R4W, Sec. 13  |
|                | C-1 Zone           |

A request for a Special Use Permit to allow mixed use of Heavy Commercial in a General Commercial zone.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours. Comments concerning Planning Commission requests may be made in person at the public hearing, or in writing if signed and dated to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone (989) 348-4361. No unsigned letters or telephone messages will be considered.

### LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

There will be a public hearing of the Zoning Boards of Appeals on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. to hear a variance request on the North Branch of the AuSable River.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

### CRAWFORD COUNTY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DEPUTY TREASURER

The Crawford County Treasurer is seeking an energetic, enthusiastic, and creative person that is willing to accept the challenges/rewards that come with serving the community. The preferred applicant will possess strong communication skills, problem solving abilities, accounting/general ledger/reconciling experience, and a desire to serve the public. Interested candidates should send their resume to the Crawford County Treasurer, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. The deadline for consideration is 4:00 pm 1/20/04. Crawford County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 (FORMER SECTION 18) APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2005, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951 as amended, and for federal Section 5311 (formerly Section 18) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$515,689) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$128,922) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and in excess of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) for facility renovation and expansion, replacement buses, equipment and other undertakings as are eligible for capital project support.

The proposed application is stored on an electronic file which may be accessed using equipment available at the CCTA administrative offices. Interested parties may schedule an appointment to review the application by telephoning 348-8215

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2004. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advanced.

Submittals should be mailed to:  
Crawford County Transportation Authority  
4276 West North Down River Road  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an EOE/AA Organization"  
"Proposals from Certified DBE/WBE Vendors are requested"



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago January 15, 1981

The Grayling Bears, the Bear Archery sponsored independent basketball team, posted a win over Gaylord's Glen Electric five last Saturday at Grayling High gymnasium, the final score being 75 to 58. Marvin Belski was high point man for the Bears with 28 points.

Entrants vying for the title of Miss Grayling Winter Carnival include: Holly Anne Nunn, Shawna Waters, Bridget VanLuchene, Kelly VanNuck, Connie Keene, Barbara Jean Golinick, Kathleen Marie Mead, Angela Perna, Patty Jean Hill and Linda Legg. The girls will participate in the Winter Carnival Pageant on February 7.

Helping to log a record number of miles transporting CCPT passengers in 1980 is this year's group of drivers are Jerry Gabriel, Joe Kuck, Yvonne Bindschattel, Rex Cornell, Pat Kucharek and John Rasmussen. Viking eagers and jubilant fans surround Graylings pet "toad" as he performs his victory dance on the floor of Petoskey's gym following the teams thrilling 74-62 win Friday night.

A group of young bowlers were among eighteen picking

up trophies in the Holiday Doubles tournament sponsored by the Grayling Youth Bowling Association in November. Top winners in the three youth association division were Peanut-David Montgomery and Todd Millikin; Prep-Clark Allen and Jim Knight; Major-Maria Perez and Dawn Weaver.

Viking ski team placed 1st and 2nd in a five way opening ski meet.

Grayling high wrestler Tim Ferrigan (126 lbs) won a gold medal at the Pine River invitational on Saturday.

### 46 Years Ago January 16, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Jacobs have purchased the Clifford Mallory home at 608 Ottawa and have been making their home there since the latter part of December. The Clifford Mallorys have been living in their new home on the AuSable Trail west of Grayling since Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. John D. McNabb, from Houghton Lake, have purchased the former Jacobs home on M-72 East, and are now living there.

The National Guard through the Military Board has opened three lakes to public fishing in Crawford County. They are

Kyle, Guthrie and Section 1 Lakes. The Lakes will be open for year around use, except during the training of the guard.

Roy Milnes has been elected to fill the vacancy on the school board. Roy is a fine, clean and able young man and we don't know how the board could have picked a better man to fill the vacancy.

### 69 Years Ago January 17, 1935

Grayling High School's basketball tossers bounded back into their winning ways last Friday night, when they very decisively subdued West Branch 23 to 7 before a capacity crowd of Branch fans who were in a mood to be enthusiastic and found little to cheer them. Grayling's reserves copped off an 18 to 6 decision.

The new bridge over the AuSable River on the Lake Road, that is to be built this season, will have a span of 55 feet and two six foot sidewalks, and a 32 foot roadway. The contract for this work has been let to J.R. Leach, Sr., Saginaw, for the sum of \$17,768.80. The bridge will be of steel deck girder type.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isenhauer (Kathryn Cross) are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Vivette Earline, born January 9th. Miss Earline has the distinction of being the first child

born in Crawford County in 1935.

### 92 Years Ago January 18, 1912

There was record breaking cold weather for the past ten days. January 12, the temperature dropped to 34 below zero. The following night it reached 24 below. Only on the 14th did it rise to above zero, four above.

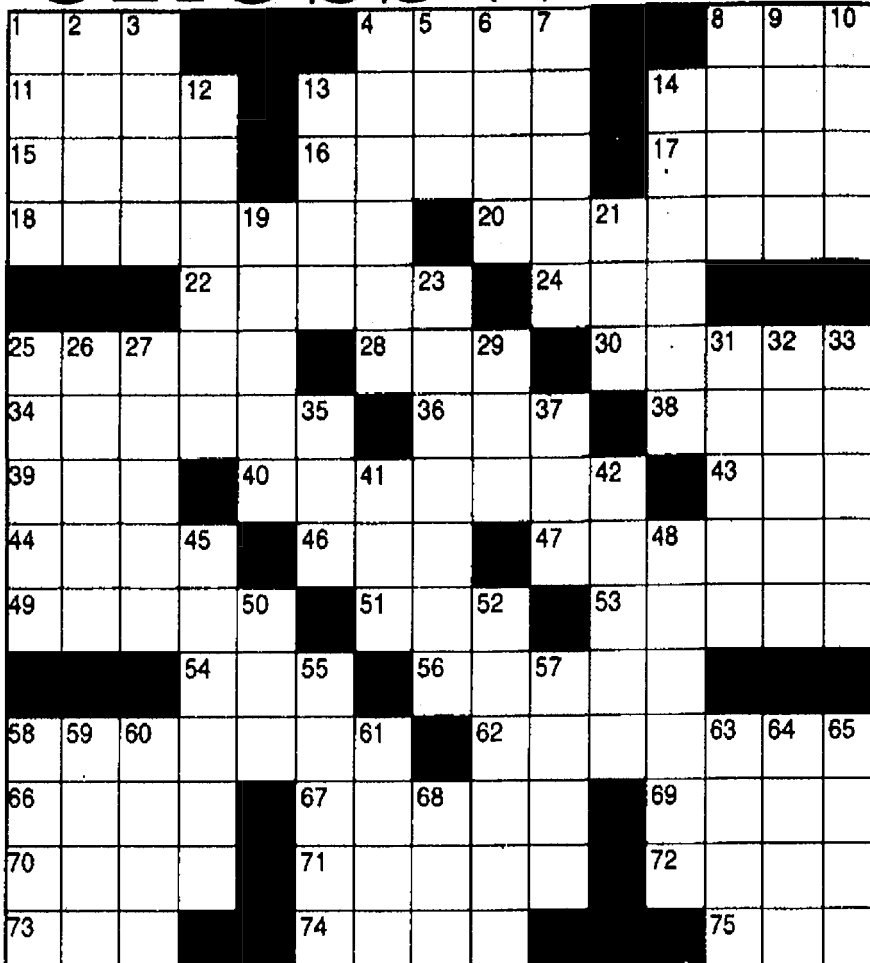
Mr. John R. Otsen, Sr., from Denver is here visiting relatives. It's been more than eighteen years since Mr. Otsen has visited here last. He says he sees a marked improvement in our town.

Notice has been brought to this office of a large squash that was raised in Mrs. Knight's garden. It is reported to be the largest raised in Crawford County and according to dimensions given it should easily be the champion. The report states that it weighed 304 pounds and measured 41 inches.

James Patterson ought to be awarded a gold medal for rescuing two partially frozen men from death so far this winter. To much whiskey the cause.

Wm. T. Lewis lost a valuable horse last week.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Cold and unfriendly
4. Passing fashions
8. Polka pattern part
11. Pretty pitiful grades
13. Two-listed type
14. Work animal
15. She, in Paree
16. Happen next
17. Finishes
18. Said to be
20. Least hairy
22. She was killed by Jason
24. Defective bomb
25. Author Tillie
28. Cookbook item: abbr.
30. Follow the reaper
34. Pane locale
36. Singer Orbison
38. Author Gardner
39. \_\_\_ tizzy (2 wds.)
40. One who decides a matter
43. Squabble
44. Guy with a pocket protector
46. Indeed, in Psalms
47. Powerful
49. Mercury, for one
51. Pacino and Capone
53. Ocean movements
54. Bridal adjunct

### DOWN

1. Notion
2. Battery Unit
3. Whoop
4. Car feature
5. Noon preceders: abbr.
6. Besmear
7. Sam or J.C. of golf
8. Sand hill
9. Auto pioneer
10. Take for a trial run
12. Appeared to be
13. Consider
14. Interfere
19. Salami variety
21. Tote
23. Blimp shots
25. Having debts
26. Inside layer
27. Capture
29. Bivouac bed
31. Miscalculated
32. Alienated
33. Salamanders
35. Disdainfully ironic
37. Slangy assent
41. "Luck \_\_\_ Lady" (2 wds.)
42. Chopper Blade
45. Lower
48. Left the waiter money
50. Billy the \_\_\_
52. Gapes
55. Cheyenne abode
57. Fixes a squeak
58. Egyptian solar disk
59. Tackle anew
60. Novelist James
61. \_\_\_ point (Siamese type)
63. Poet exiled by Augustus
64. Rive
65. Move, like an exploring dog
68. Pump, in a way

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK



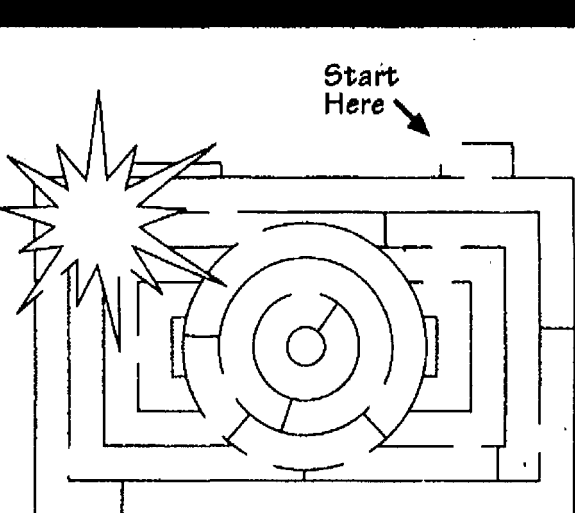
- 1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup coarsely chopped semi-sweet chocolate, about 4 ounces
- 1 tablespoon finely grated orange zest
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup hazelnut or olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Orangecello liqueur

Center the oven racks. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper or spray with cooking oil spray. Measure the all purpose flour, whole wheat flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Sift into the bowl of a stand mixer. Attach the paddle attachment. Add the chopped chocolate and the orange zest. Mix for a minute on low speed to combine. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs, oil and the Caravella Orangecello to blend. Add this to the dry mixture, using a rubber spatula to

### Orange & Chocolate Chunk Biscotti

scrape the bowl of its contents. Beat on a low speed for about 2 minutes, stopping once or twice to scrape the sides of the bowl, until the mixture begins to come together and all the flour is mixed in. Place mixture onto a cutting board. Cut the dough in half. Using your hands, form each half into a log shape, then pat into a loaf 11 inches long by 3 1/2 inches wide, and about 1 1/2 inch thick. You can use a long metal spatula to smooth the top for a smooth, even shape. Carefully transfer each loaf to the prepared cookie sheet, reshaping the loaf as needed. Bake on the center rack in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, then remove the cookie sheet of biscotti from the oven. Lower the oven temperature to 320 degrees. Carefully transfer each partially baked loaf to a cutting board. Using a sharp knife, cut each loaf into about 16 slices, 2/3-inch wide. Arrange the slices, standing up but not touching, onto the cookie sheet. Continue baking in the 320-degree oven for 30 minutes. The tops and cut sides will be just firm to the touch. They will become crisp and firm to the touch as they cool.

## MAZE



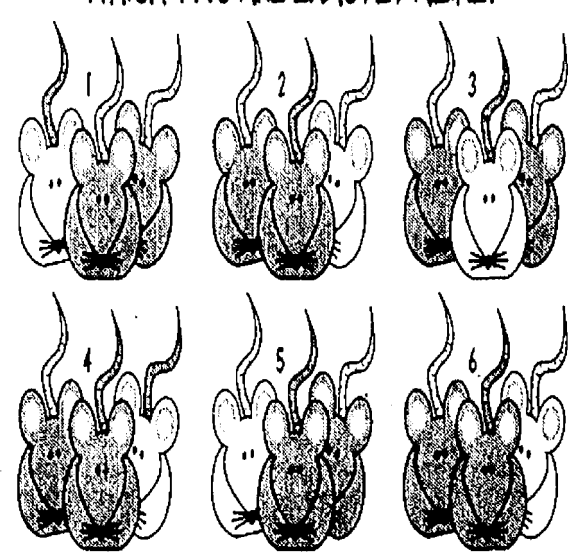
SAY CHEESE!



**DID YOU KNOW**  
"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 15, 2004

**ARIES**  
December 22-January 19  
Your emotions have been all over the place lately. Settle down and look around you. Your problems pale in comparison to others'.

**TAURUS**  
March 21-April 19  
A chatty coworker is getting to you. Don't be rude; just act disinterested. If that doesn't work, remind them that you work best in quiet surroundings.

**GEMINI**  
June 22-July 22  
You've been far too busy. Take time out to read a good book, go to the movies or catch up with your family. An old photo makes you pause for reflection.

**CANCER**  
September 23-October 22  
To achieve your goals, you need to learn to work with others. Instead of trying to do everything by yourself, be a part of the team.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22  
You're on top of the world. No one, not even a meddlesome friend, can destroy your good mood. Share your joy with those around you.

**VIRGO**  
April 20-May 20  
A friend's enthusiasm rubs off on you. Use the energy to clear off your desk, catch up on chores and plan your next vacation.

**LIBRA**  
October 23-November 21  
If you don't start watching your diet, you could pay for it later. You could experience many other problems besides weight gain.

**SCORPIO**  
November 22-December 21  
When a crisis breaks, you'll be the hero. Your family will get them out of a tough situation, and you will not fail them.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
January 19-February 18  
A home improvement project turns into a disaster, but it's too late to start over. Do what you can to recover and then try a different approach.

**CAPRICORN**  
May 21-June 21  
You're in for loads of fun. Old friends drop by, a family member returns and a special invitation arrives. Plans you made some time ago need fine-tuning.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18  
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**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20  
A home improvement project turns into a disaster, but it's too late to start over. Do what you can to recover and then try a different approach.

## Adopt a Pet



Jetta is one of more than 300 cats that came to the shelter last year. Barely more than a kitten herself, she came in with 4 babies. Her kittens have all found homes and she has been spayed, leukemia tested and vaccinated. All she needs now is a loving home. Could yours be the one?

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. We are now sold out of our Wild AnimalOpoly games! Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

| Date | H  | L   | Snow |
|------|----|-----|------|
| 1/7  | 7  | 1   | 5    |
| 1/8  | 15 | 6   | 5    |
| 1/9  | 18 | -3  | 5    |
| 1/10 | 12 | -15 | 4    |
| 1/11 | 26 | -11 | 4    |
| 1/12 | 29 | 25  | 8    |
| 1/13 | 29 | 17  | 8    |

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Day        | High    | Low    | Conditions       |
|------------|---------|--------|------------------|
| Today      | High 8  | Low -5 | Snow Showers     |
| Tomorrow   | High 15 | Low 11 | Few Snow Showers |
| Day after  | High 26 | Low 8  | Snow Showers     |
| 4 days out | High 18 | Low 8  | Snow Showers     |
| 5 days out | High 22 | Low 11 | Mostly Cloudy    |
| 6 days out | High 27 | Low 16 | Mostly Cloudy    |



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MINUTES FROM GRAYLING** Great rental investment or nice home in Roscommon village. Due to illness only \$25,000 firm. (989) 578-3598 (-15-22/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 1/2 acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling.** \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**4-5 PLUS ACRES** of secluded land. Lots of pines and oaks. Close to snowmobile trail. \$16,500 or \$3,500 down. \$276.21 per month. (810) 231-1265. (-15-22/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/tf/1)

**WILL BUY LAND CONTRACTS!** Ask for Bob (989) 348-4252. (-8-15/1)

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER** Free Homebuyer Classes now forming. We can help you clean up bad credit, learn financial management skills and prepare a budget you can live with. Call Alice at Northern Homes CDC to reserve your space. Classes starting in January at a location near you. Call Now! Toll free (866) 637-1834. (LR1/22/04/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04/tf/1)

**NEW THREE BEDROOM,** two car attached, five miles east of town. \$87,000 (989) 348-4840 (-8-15-22-29/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**FIVE BEDROOM** Completely remodeled 1,800 sq. ft. 210 Mikado St. Two baths all new, roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, kitchen, baths, plumbing, electric, 90 percent efficient furnace, carpet, floor covering, interior doors, cabinets, finished back porch, extra lot. Priced to sell at \$126,000. Call owner (989) 348-4716. (1/15/04/tf/1)

### 2. For Rent

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENT** is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance - Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (10/30/03/tf/2)


### 2. For Rent

**RIVER FOREST FAMILY** apartments at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger in Roscommon has one and two bedroom units available. Rent based on income. No Minimum Rent. Heat included. Applications at office on site or call (989) 275-4061 or 1-800-225-7982. Mention this ad and we pay your electric for two months. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442, W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX** Ready February, in the city, appliances, heat and lights furnished, phone. (989) 348-8066 (1/16/04/tf/2)

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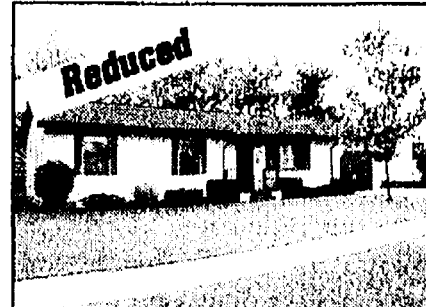
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**159' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER** Beautiful mixture pines, aspen and hardwoods. Excellent views from ridge & building site. AuSable Woods privileges @ \$150.00 annually. CH-1871 \$32,000



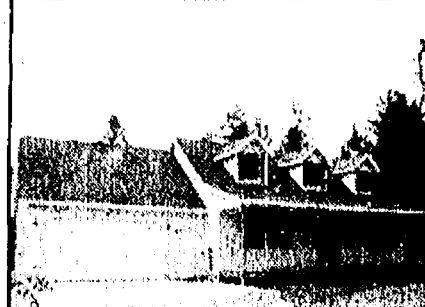
**250' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER WITH UNIQUE PRIVATE ISLAND** Secluded riverfront setting with majestic red & white pines, private island, irrigated lawn. Beautiful perennial gardens display colorful wildflowers with sprinkling system. 1,587 s.f. offering family room, fieldstone fireplace, 30x42 attached garage, 10x20 carport and dog kennel. CH-1874 \$229,000



**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!** Clean/quality 3 BR/2 Bath, family room with door wall and privacy French doors. Move in condition with IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY. Includes self contained GUEST HOME/OFFICE. Quiet serene in town setting with beautiful oak shade trees. Fenced in backyard, kids fort and swing set. One block to hospital, school and new library. CH-1778 \$112,500



**COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS FINEST** 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with brick, vinyl exterior. Built for entertainment. Completely remodeled w/custom doors and trim. Master BR suite with french doors onto rear deck. Gas fireplace in family room. Attached garage is heated and insulated, many built-in features. 16x20 1 1/2 story barn. CH-1778 \$134,900



**LOOK AT THESE AMENITIES.** Secluded setting one mile from city limits. 1,810 SF New Cape Cod, 3 BR, 2.5 bath. Full basement plus unfinished bonus room above garage. (Not included in SF) Hardwood flooring, Anderson windows, Master BR suite with walk in closet and full bath. Includes topsoil, grass seed and gravel driveway. Six Panel oak doors, oak trim, and finished garage. \$159,900 CH-1838



**A 15 ACRE RETREAT FOR ALL SEASONS** Chalet with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan with Pergo floors downstairs. Kitchen offers quality oak cabinets and snack bar. Vinyl thermo windows, drywall throughout. Brick fireplace in living room. Outside water and electric. Gravel drive. County maintained Road. CS-1800 \$120,000



**AUSABLE WOODS, NICE CORNER LOT WITH CLEARED BUILDING SITE.** Northern Pines and Oak mixture and close to all recreational areas. Located in nice development with club house and pool for members. Association Dues \$150.00 annually. CS-1870 \$10,000



**CONVENIENTLY LOCATED CLOSE TO TOWN** New home built in 1995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers 1300 square feet. Open floor plan. Master bedroom offers walk-in closet, garden tub and separate shower. All bedrooms have walk-in closets. Kitchen offers oak kitchen cabinets, gas stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Washer and dryer also stay. Peaked ceilings, vinyl windows and vinyl siding. Attached 28 x 24 garage. Immediate Occupancy. CS-1828 \$76,500



**NICE FAMILY HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!** Open floor plan to kitchen, dining and living room. Features include an attached greenhouse off the living room. Kitchen offers 25' of oak cabinets. Drywall and carpet throughout. 2 Bedrooms have walk in closets. New roof on house and garage this year. Thermo pane windows. 12' Gazebos in back yard. Beautiful mountain ash tree in front yard. Hardwood floors in front yard for landscaping. Black top county maintained road. CS-1830 \$69,900




**SURROUNDED WITH HARDWOODS** New home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and detached garage. Master Suite offers garden tub, separate shower and skylight. Kitchen offers beautiful oak cabinets with snack bar, garage disposal, refrigerator with ice and water maker, gas stove, and built-in microwave. Washer and dryer. Peaked ceilings. Oak entertainment center in living room. Immediate Possession at Closing. CS-1793 \$96,900

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**NEARLY NEW MOBILE ON ACREAGE** Almost new 3BR, 2 bath mobile on 1.7 acreage. Close to trails and across the street from state land for outdoor recreation. Also includes new pole barn. \$89,900 #230215

**SPECTACULAR VIEW OF AUSABLE RIVER** The view is stunning from this 3BR, 2 1/2 bath home, only 50' off the banks of the Ausable River. Enjoy the river from the deck, or inside your living room. Excellent trout fishing. This 3 BR home offers full basement, 2 1/2 baths, gas fireplace, wired for generator back-up, and a heated 24'x40' pole barn. Make an appointment to see this home. It is well worth your time. \$218,000 #226665

**FIXER-UPPER IN TOWN** 2 BR, 1 bath handyman special on city lot that is close to downtown and AuSable River. "As is" condition. Appliances not guaranteed. \$25,300 #229915

**NICE 10 ACRE PARCELS** with state land only 1/4 mile away. A great spot for a cabin, home, or just a camping site. Lots of deer in the area and 90% wooded. Land Contract Possible. \$24,000 & \$25,400 #222624-222637

**BEAUTIFUL WOOD-ED ACREAGE** 10 acre parcel with rolling terrain and a variety of hardwoods. Electric is adjacent. A beautiful setting that would be ideal to hunt, camp on or build a cabin. \$29,900 #228899

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**ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT** on AuSable in town. \$365-380 per month. References. (231) 599-2895 (7/31/03tf/2)

**CABINS FOR RENT** on 30 acres at Lost Acres, one bedroom, 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, south of Waters. Wooded, quiet, walk to Blue Gill Lake. \$375, plus \$200 security, all utilities included. No pets, call toll free 877-227-6976 or 586-216-0682. (11/13/03tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** home for rent. Newly refurbished. New carpeting. Inquire (989) 619-2800 daytime, (989) 348-0194 nights. (10/23/03tf/2)

**NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM** mobile home with natural gas. \$400 a month plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-2418 (-1-8-15-22/2)

**72 EAST & STEPHAN** Bridge area, two bedroom. \$400 and one month security deposit. (586) 774-5327 (-8-15/2)

**ONE BEDROOM MOBILE** in country. Utilities not included. Tom Slavens (989) 348-7440. \$350/month plus security. (-15/2)

**MOBILE HOME**, two bedroom, new carpet, in wooded setting at 11006 N. Old U.S. 27. \$395 plus security and utilities. No pets. Toll free 877-227-6976 or 586-216-0682. Walk to lake. (11/13/03tf/2)

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**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS** 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom units. Persons must be 62 years or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent based on income. No Minimum Rent. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03tf/2)

**ROUTE SALES** A Northern Michigan Service Co. is currently taking applications for Route Salesmen. Job Requirements: Good driving record, exceptional people skills, detail oriented/organized, sales ability, able to lift up to 50 lbs. Pay/Benefits: Company vehicle, five day work week, base pay plus commissions/bonuses, 401k/profit sharing, life, medical, dental. For immediate consideration send resume to: Attn: AU, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-15-22/3)

**APPLICATIONS BEING** taken for third shift Sales Associate and 8-4 p.m. and 4 p.m. - midnight Maintenance Man. Must be hard working, neat, organized with excellent customer service skills. Benefits for full-time employees include: insurance, vacation, 401k and more. Only the serious need apply at Charlie's Country Corner. (-1-8-15/3)

**2004 PRODUCTION SEASON** Assembly Starting Wage \$7.50 Carlisle Paddles, a Johnson Outdoors company, is accepting applications thru January 31, 2004 for the summer production season (now thru approximately July 2004). We seek dependable, team-oriented individuals for seasonal assembly positions (40 hours/week). Positions require attention to detail, eye-hand coordination and the ability to maintain a fast work pace and learn quickly. Pre-employment drug screen required. Qualified applicants should apply in person at 4562 North Down River Rd. in Grayling, Michigan E.O.E. (-15-22/3)

**COMFORT SUITE LAKE-SIDE** of Houghton Lake is now accepting applications for Front Desk Manager. Please apply in person at 100 Clearview Dr., Houghton Lake, Michigan. (-8-15/3)

**JOBS TRAINING: MDNR**, Hartwick Pines State Park, is seeking individuals 18-25 years of age for a jobs training program with Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps. \$5.15 per hour with raises for good performance. Possibility of earning an Americorps Education Grant up to \$4,725. For interview call (989) 348-9884 and ask for Robert Studer, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (-15/3)

**DYNAMIC VETERINARY** Medicine Practice Group is searching for dynamic, positive, self-starting ultra reliable continuing education and career minded individuals possessing exceptional people and language skills for early 2004 career opportunity for full-time Client Relationship Specialist and Veterinary Assistant positions. Career oriented, benefits, salary commensurate with experience and skills. We will train the perfect candidates. Resume and inquiry letters to: P.O. Box 749, Roscommon, MI 48653. No calls or walk ins please. (-8-15-22/3)

**ATTENTION:** Work From Home. \$500 - \$1,500 P/T, \$2,000 - \$4,500 F/T 1-800-304-2936 Success@AGreatIncome.com (LRI/29/04/3)

**FULL-TIME OCCUPATIONAL** Therapist position available. Successful candidate will be a graduate of an accredited school of occupational therapy with registration to practice by the AOTA required. Homecare experience preferred; ability to learn automated clinical documentation system. Contact: Maureen Hayes, 201 Meadows Dr., Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738. Call (989) 424-1457 or fax resume to (989) 348-0046. Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Amicare is committed to achieving workforce diversity and is an equal opportunity employer. (-15/3)

**CONTINGENT SPEECH** Pathologist position available. Successful candidate will be a graduate of an accredited program with concentration in Speech/Audiology Pathology required. Certificate of Clinical Competence from American Speech-Language-Hearing Association required or must be enrolled in a Clinical Fellowship Program. Please call us regarding our new contingent program with generous bonuses. Contact: Maureen Hayes, 201 Meadows Dr., Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738. Call (800) 424-1457 or fax resume to (989) 348-0046. Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Amicare is committed to achieving work force diversity and is an equal opportunity employer. (-15/3)

**REGISTERED NURSE** Operating Room part-time position. We are seeking a Registered Nurse for a part-time position in our Surgical Services department 48 hours per pay period. This position requires current licensure in the State of Michigan. Some experience in OR is preferred. We offer a competitive wage and benefit program including medical, dental, vision, employer-paid life, long-term disability, and flexible spending accounts, pension, 403B, and more. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Mercy family, please call or send resumes to: Mercy Hospital Human Resources, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, and Michigan 49738. Phone (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485 E-mail: feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-8-15/3)

**JOBS TRAINING:** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, R.A. MacMullan Conference Center, Higgins Lake, Michigan, is seeking individuals 18-25 years of age for a jobs training program with Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps. Indoor/outdoor work. \$5.15 per hour with raises for good performance. Earn an Americorps Education Grant up to \$4,725. Please stop by to pick up an application at 104 Conservation Dr., Roscommon. (989) 821-6200 (-15/3)

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**2. For Rent**

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**MICROWAVE** \$20, computer desk \$15, computer desk with hutch \$20, Amana refrigerator/freezer white textured with reversible door \$125 and free Lazy Boy recliner needs reupholstering. Cathy (989) 348-6708. (-15-22/5)

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#### 8. Annoucement

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**GRAY ROCK CAFE** Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (989) 348-5181 (3/13/03tf/8)

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#### 9. Personals

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#### 11. Automotive

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**1991 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4** \$1,100 for more information call (989) 348-4179 (-8-16/11)

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#### 9. Personals

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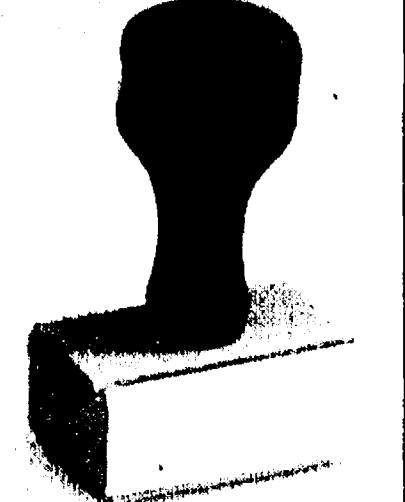
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#### 8. Announcements

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#### 11. Automotive

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 12:00 p.m. on January 22, 2004 in the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle is located at Grayling Auto Repair at 50 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicles prior to the sale.

Year 1992, Make Chevrolet, Model Cavalier RS, Color Blue, VIN # 1G1JC5446N7245835.

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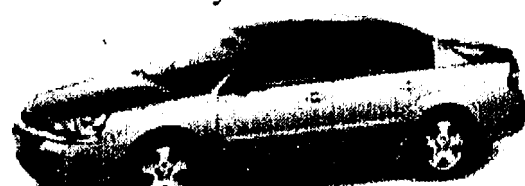
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| <b>2002 DODGE STRATUS SE PLUS</b><br>No Money Down \$199/MO. With APPROVED CREDIT Tier<br>V-6, loaded, clean as a whistle! Only 8,000 miles! #20258-1<br>Was \$14,988 Blowout Price                                                                        | <b>\$12,488</b> |
| <b>2002 PONTIAC AZTEK ALL WHEEL DRIVE</b><br>Awesome! Jet Black with deep tint glass, 17" Aluminum wheels and tires,<br>power moonroof, power options! CDI much more! #5121<br>Was \$18,988 Blowout Price                                                  | <b>\$16,988</b> |
| <b>2001 OLDSMOBILE AURORA</b><br>Awesome white diamond with power moonroof! All the goodies!<br>#5048<br>Was \$19,988 Blowout Price                                                                                                                        | <b>\$15,988</b> |
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| <b>2001 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT</b><br>V6 with air, auto, lots of power options, power sunroof, chrome wheels,<br>lots more! Only 35,000 miles<br>#5106 Was \$15,988 Blowout Price                                                                             | <b>\$13,988</b> |
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| <b>2000 PONTIAC GRAND AM</b><br>SE, 4 DR, nice car! #20300-1<br>Was \$4,988 Blowout Price                                                                                   | <b>\$3,988</b>  |
| <b>2000 CHEVY PRIZM</b><br>Auto, air, low miles! #5179<br>Was \$9,488 Blowout Price                                                                                         | <b>\$7,988</b>  |
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| <b>1999 BUICK LESABRE</b><br>Clean! locally owned car!<br>#20218-1 Was \$9,988 Blowout Price                                                                                | <b>\$7,988</b>  |
| <b>1999 FORD TAURUS SE</b><br>Very clean, nice driving car! Has some miles, but priced right!<br>#19756-2 Was \$4,488 Blowout Price                                         | <b>\$2,988</b>  |
| <b>1999 OLDSMOBILE ALERO</b><br>2 dr coupe - very clean V6, GL pkg, Auto, looks great, runs great!<br>#20033-2 Was \$7,488 Blowout Price                                    | <b>\$5,988</b>  |
| <b>1998 PONTIAC SUNFIRE</b><br>Cute little red 2 door coupe, auto, air, very nice! #5163-1<br>Was \$5,988 Blowout Price                                                     | <b>\$4,988</b>  |
| <b>1998 BUICK LESABRE</b><br>Very nice, locally owned car. Has a few miles but these seem to last forever!<br>Great gas mileage, too! #20281-1<br>Was \$7,988 Blowout Price | <b>\$5,988</b>  |
| <b>1997 FORD ESCORT</b><br>LX, auto, air, nice clean little car! #20278-1<br>Was \$3,988 Blowout Price                                                                      | <b>\$2,988</b>  |
| <b>1995 CADILLAC DEVILLE</b><br>Really nice, clean car. Has a few miles, but it's a Cadillac!<br>#20053 Was \$6,988 Blowout Price                                           | <b>\$6,988</b>  |
| <b>1976 TRIUMPH TR7</b><br>Sports coupe, fun little car! Must see! #19765-2<br>Was \$2,488 Blowout Price                                                                    | <b>\$1,488</b>  |
| <b>2003 CHEVY ASTRO ALL WHEEL DRIVE</b><br>LT with leather! Loaded! Only 8,000 miles! #5060<br>Was \$25,988 Blowout Price                                                   | <b>\$20,988</b> |
| <b>2003 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT</b><br>4x4, LT with leather, 271 loaded with protec computer box #19997-1<br>Was \$31,988 Blowout Price                                         | <b>\$29,988</b> |
| <b>2003 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER EXT 4X4</b><br>3 seats! LT model with lots of extras and only 17,000 miles! #19978-1<br>Was \$26,988 Blowout Price                                | <b>\$26,988</b> |
| <b>2003 CHEVY VENTURE EXTENDED</b><br>LS model, beautiful van! Almost \$30,000 brand new! #5138<br>Was \$21,988 Blowout Price                                               | <b>\$19,488</b> |
| <b>2002 CHEVY K2500 EXT CAB</b><br>4x4, L.S. Loaded, only 28,000 miles! Nice seal! #20283-1<br>Was \$26,988 Blowout Price                                                   | <b>\$24,988</b> |
| <b>2002 PONTIAC AZTEK ALL WHEEL DRIVE</b><br>Wow! Awesome solid black color with 17" wheels and tires.<br>Looks very sharp! #5121<br>Was \$18,988 Blowout Price             | <b>\$16,988</b> |
| <b>2002 FORD RANGER</b><br>2 WD Flareside, auto, air, very sharp! Under 10,000 miles! #20160-1<br>Was \$13,988 Blowout Price                                                | <b>\$11,988</b> |
| <b>2002 CHEVY AVALANCHE 2-71 4X4</b><br>Almost 50,000 less than new! Loaded with leather, power sunroof! #19960-1<br>Was \$25,988 Blowout Price                             | <b>\$23,988</b> |

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| <b>2002 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO</b><br>6 cyl., power seat, CD, lots of extra! Only 25,000 miles! #5089<br>Was \$22,988 Blowout Price                                                          | <b>\$20,988</b> |
| <b>2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4</b><br>2-71, loaded! Popular power color, \$35,000 brand new! #20228-1<br>Was \$24,988 Blowout Price                                                        | <b>\$22,988</b> |
| <b>2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB</b><br>2-wheel drive, V8, LS, lots of equipment! Popular "power" color!<br>#20060-1 Was \$21,988 Blowout Price                                                  | <b>\$19,988</b> |
| <b>2001 CHEVY S10 EXT CAB</b><br>2-wheel drive, auto, air, nice truck! Low miles! #5171<br>Was \$13,988 Blowout Price                                                                            | <b>\$11,988</b> |
| <b>2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4</b><br>2-71, loaded 4x4 with top of the line leather seats, power sunroof, all the toys!<br>Over \$40,000 brand new! #20125-1<br>Was \$22,988 Blowout Price | <b>\$20,988</b> |
| <b>2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4</b><br>2-71, loaded 4x4 with top of the line leather seats, power sunroof, all the toys!<br>Over \$40,000 brand new! #20125-1<br>Was \$22,988 Blowout Price | <b>\$20,988</b> |
| <b>2001 PONTIAC MONTANA</b><br>Great for the family, nice! GM Certified! #98678<br>Was \$14,988 Blowout Price                                                                                    | <b>\$12,988</b> |
| <b>2001 CHEVY VENTURE</b><br>Extended! Low miles! Holiday shopping van! #36884<br>Was \$16,988 Blowout Price                                                                                     | <b>\$13,988</b> |
| <b>2001 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GL</b><br>Extended, Power Sliding Door, rear air, full power! Low Miles! #13297<br>Was \$15,988 Blowout Price                                                      | <b>\$13,988</b> |
| <b>2000 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4</b><br>Nice truck! Loaded right! #20143-1<br>Was \$18,988 Blowout Price                                                                                              | <b>\$16,988</b> |
| <b>1998 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4 XLT</b><br>3 Seater, low miles! Really clean and nice! #20122-1<br>Was \$14,988 Blowout Price                                                                        | <b>\$12,988</b> |
| <b>1996 CHEVY K1500 EXT CAB 4X4</b><br>The nicest one in Northern Michigan! Only 34,000 miles! #20263-1<br>Was \$15,988 Blowout Price                                                            | <b>\$13,988</b> |
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| <b>1999 DODGE DAKOTA CLUB CAB 4X4</b><br>Looks good! Has miles but priced right!<br>#5118-2 Was \$6,988 Blowout Price                                                                            | <b>\$5,988</b>  |
| <b>1998 FORD WINDSTAR</b><br>Nice Van for a lot of money!<br>#19912-1 Was \$7,988 Blowout Price                                                                                                  | <b>\$5,988</b>  |
| <b>1997 JEEP WRANGLER</b><br>Soft top, really sharp! Only 85,000 miles!<br>#5159 Was \$10,988 Blowout Price                                                                                      | <b>\$8,988</b>  |
| <b>1999 CHEVROLET VENTURE EXTENDED</b><br>LS, very clean and nice! Check out this bargain! #20434-1<br>Was \$8,988 Blowout Price                                                                 | <b>\$6,988</b>  |

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